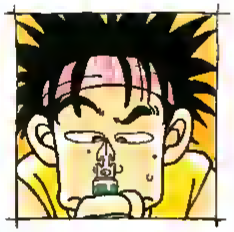


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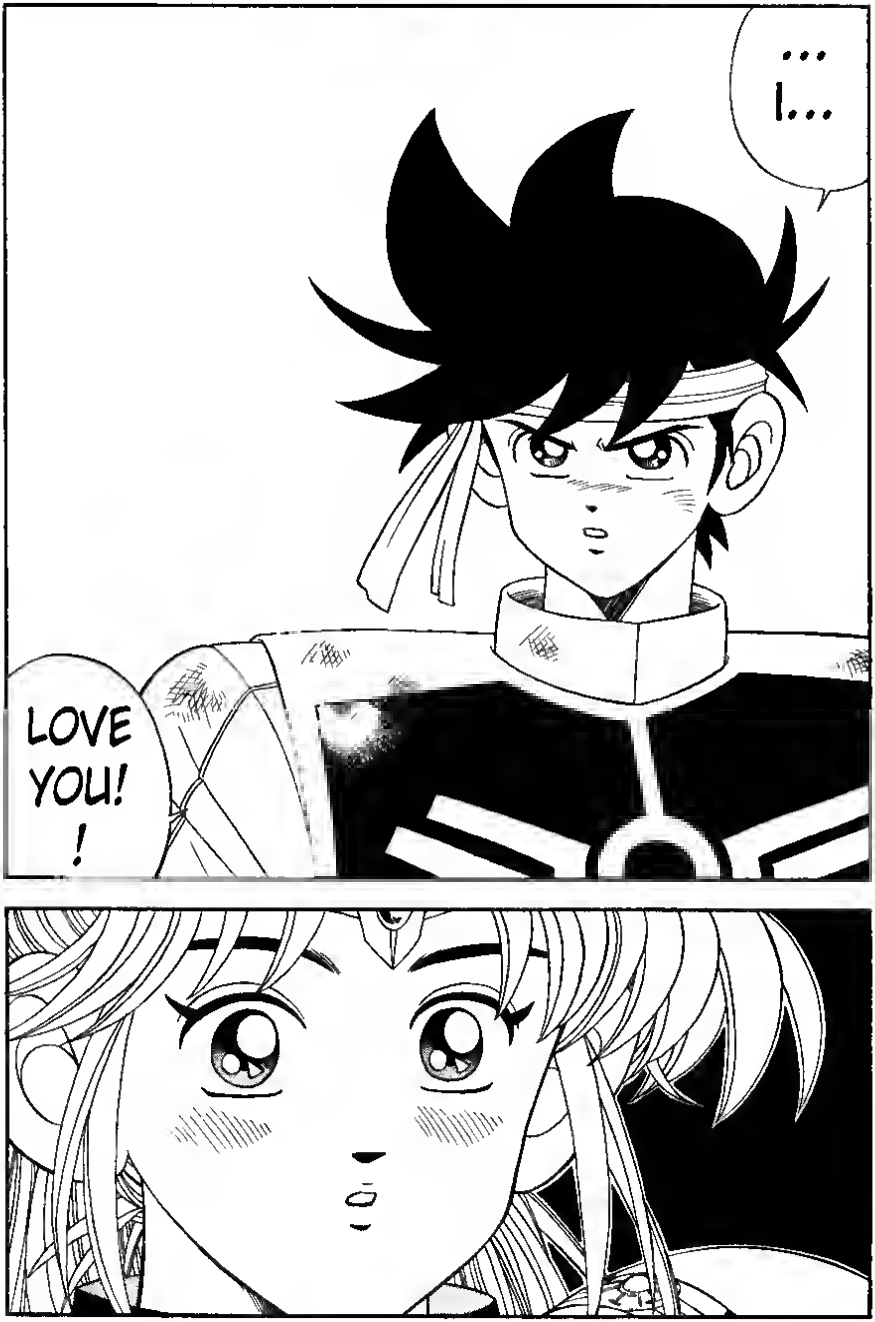
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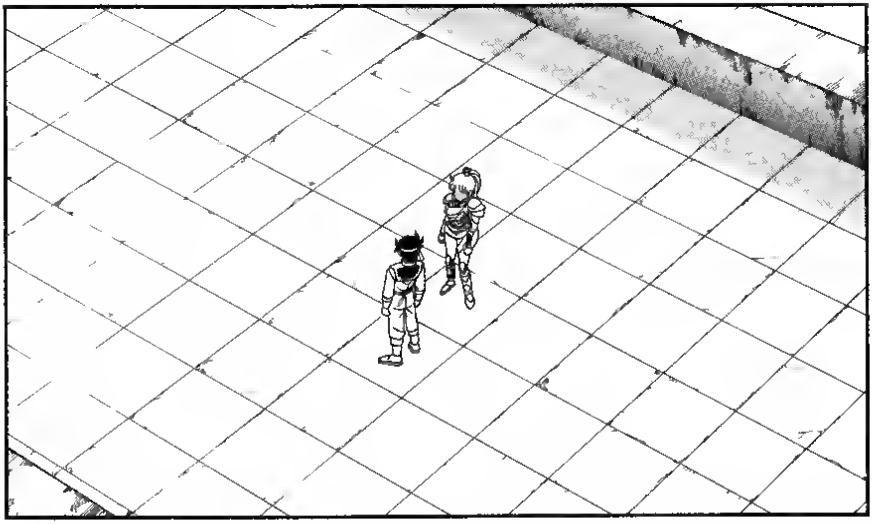
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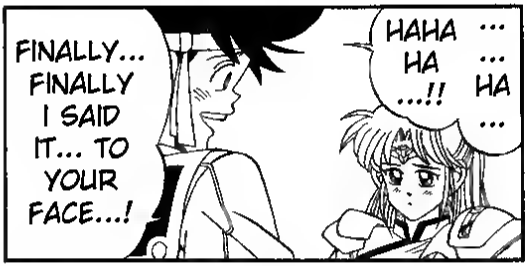
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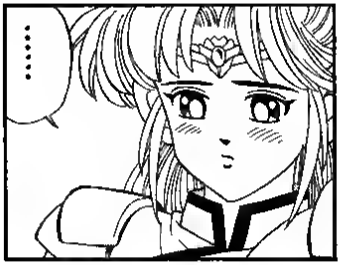


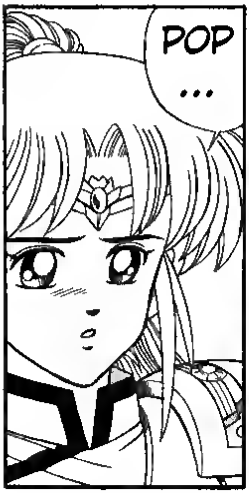
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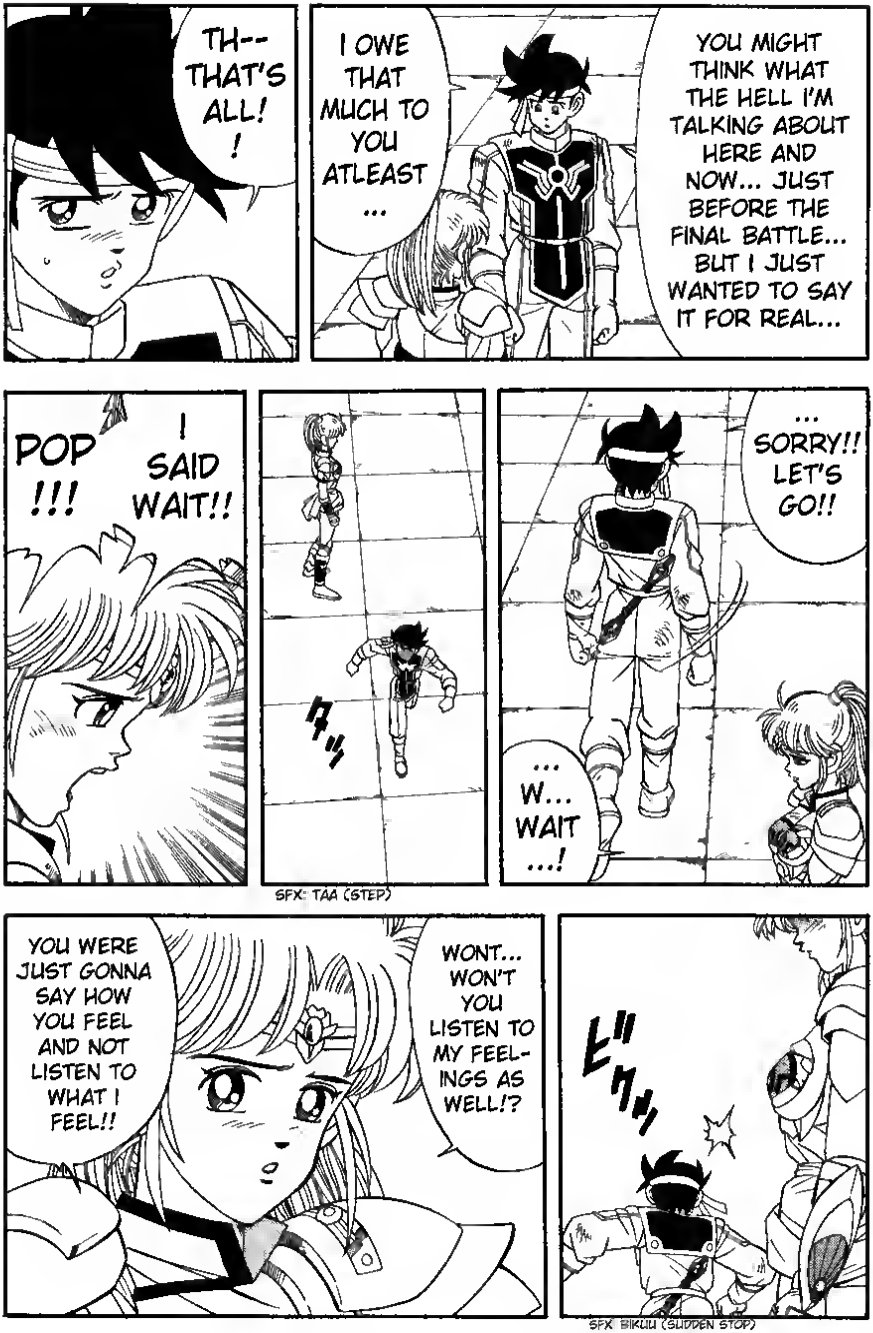

FINALLY... FINALLY I SAID IT... TO YOUR FACE...!
HAHA HA ...!! ... ... HA ...


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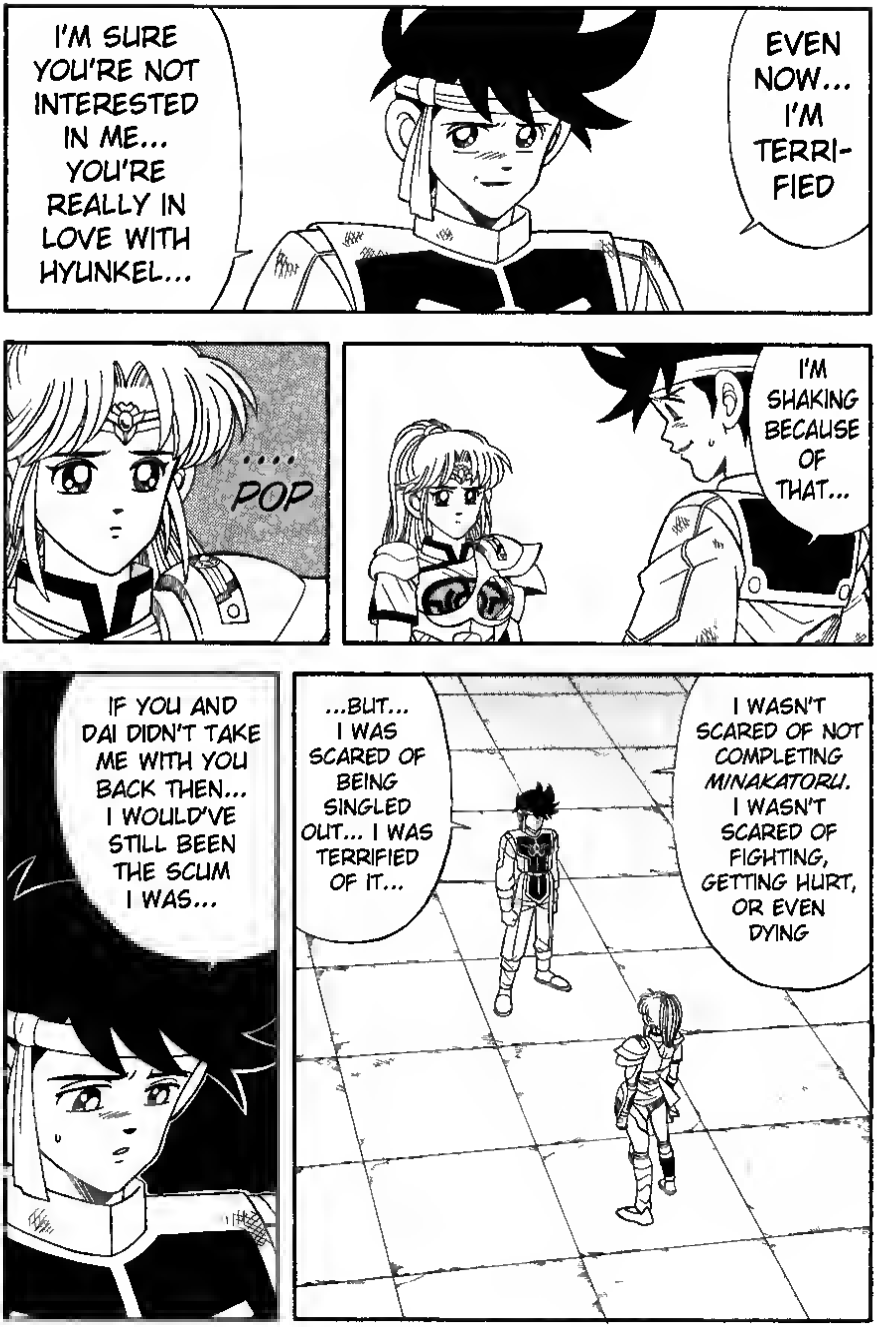

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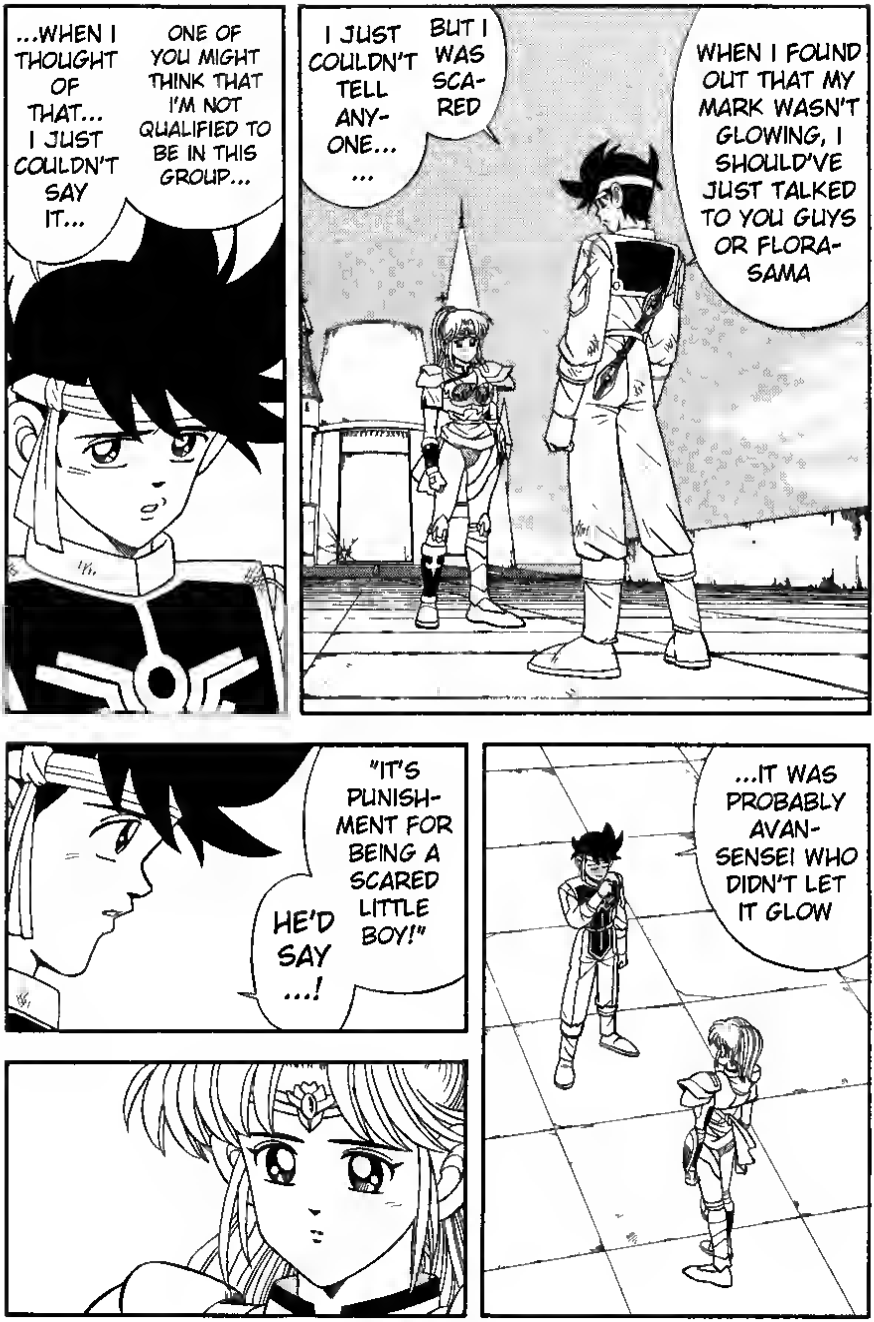

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... REALLY ...


WAS... THE WORST CONFES-SION....
... THAT ONE ...

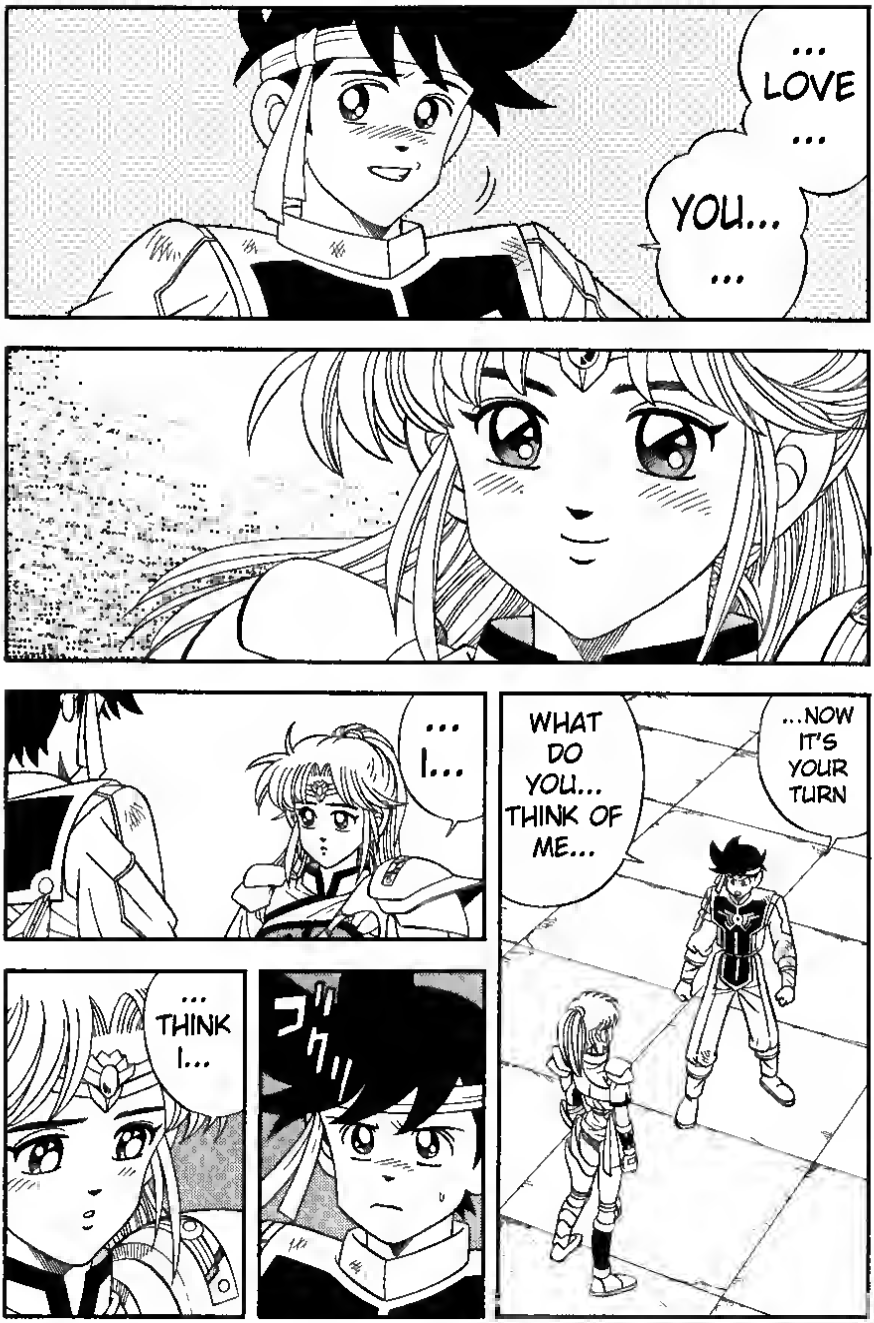

TH-- THAT'S ALL!!
I OWE THAT MUCH TO YOU ATLEAST...
YOU MIGHT THINK WHAT THE HELL I'M TALKING ABOUT HERE AND NOW... JUST BEFORE THE FINAL BATTLE... BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY IT FOR REAL...
POP!!!
I SAID WAIT!!
SFX: TAA (STEP)
...SORRY!! LET'S GO!!
...W... WAIT...!
YOU WERE JUST GONNA SAY HOW YOU FEEL AND NOT LISTEN TO WHAT I FEEL!!
WONT... WON'T YOU LISTEN TO MY FEELINGS AS WELL!?
SFX: BIKUU (SUDDEN STOP)


...
THAT'S TOO SELFISH !!!
WHY DID I HAVE TO FALL FOR YOU...?
YOU SURE ARE A TOUGH ONE ...
..... HEH... HEH HEH HEH...
I GUESS I'M REALLY A WUSS AT HEART
...YOU'RE RIGHT... I'M BEING SELFISH

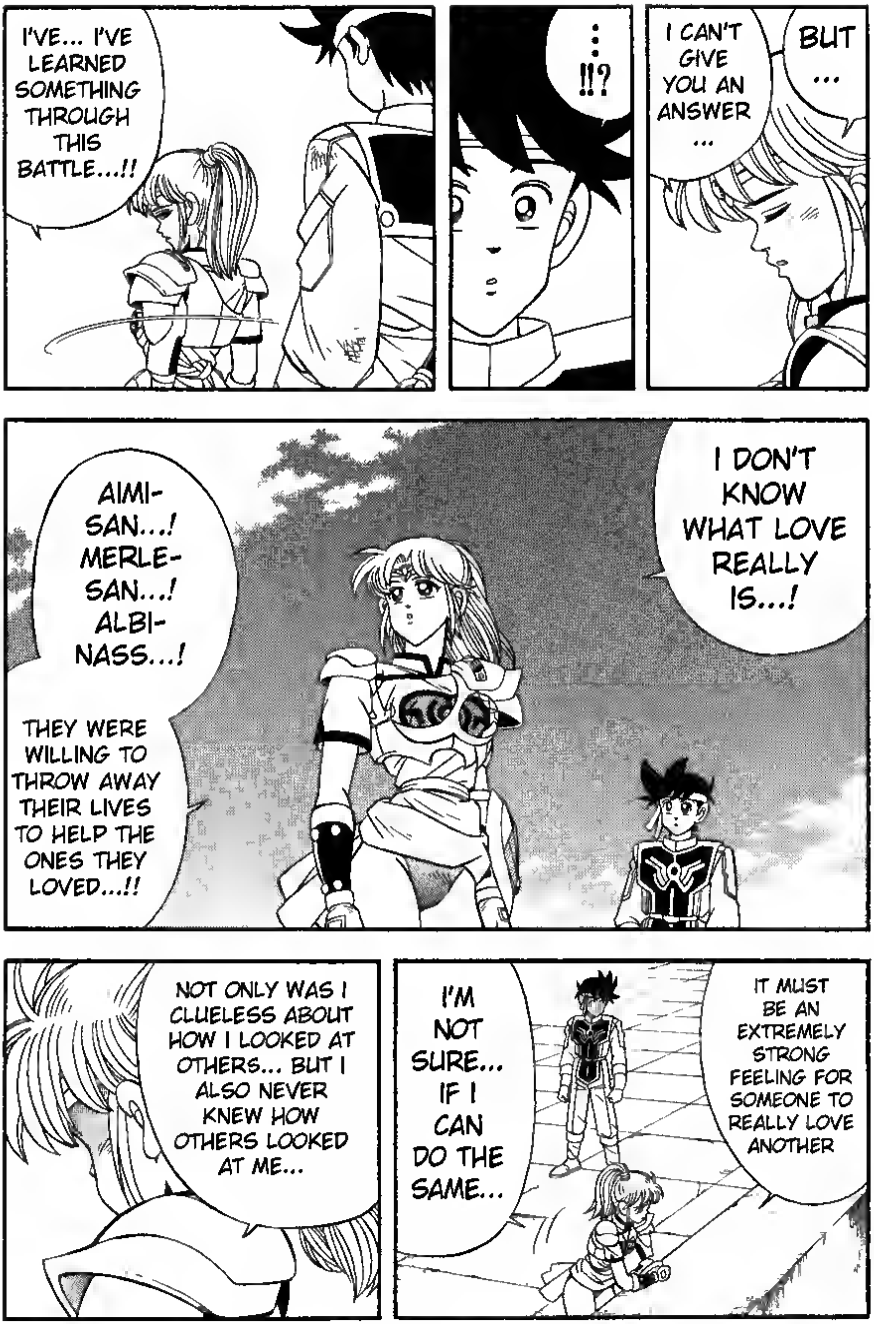

I'M SURE YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN ME... YOU'RE REALLY IN LOVE WITH HYUNKEL...
EVEN NOW... I'M TERRI-FIED
....
POP
I'M SHAKING BECAUSE OF THAT...
IF YOU AND DAI DIDN'T TAKE ME WITH YOU BACK THEN... I WOULD'VE STILL BEEN THE SCUM I WAS...
...BUT... I WAS SCARED OF BEING SINGLED OUT... I WAS TERRIFIED OF IT...
I WASN'T SCARED OF NOT COMPLETING MINAKATORU. I WASN'T SCARED OF FIGHTING, GETTING HURT, OR EVEN DYING

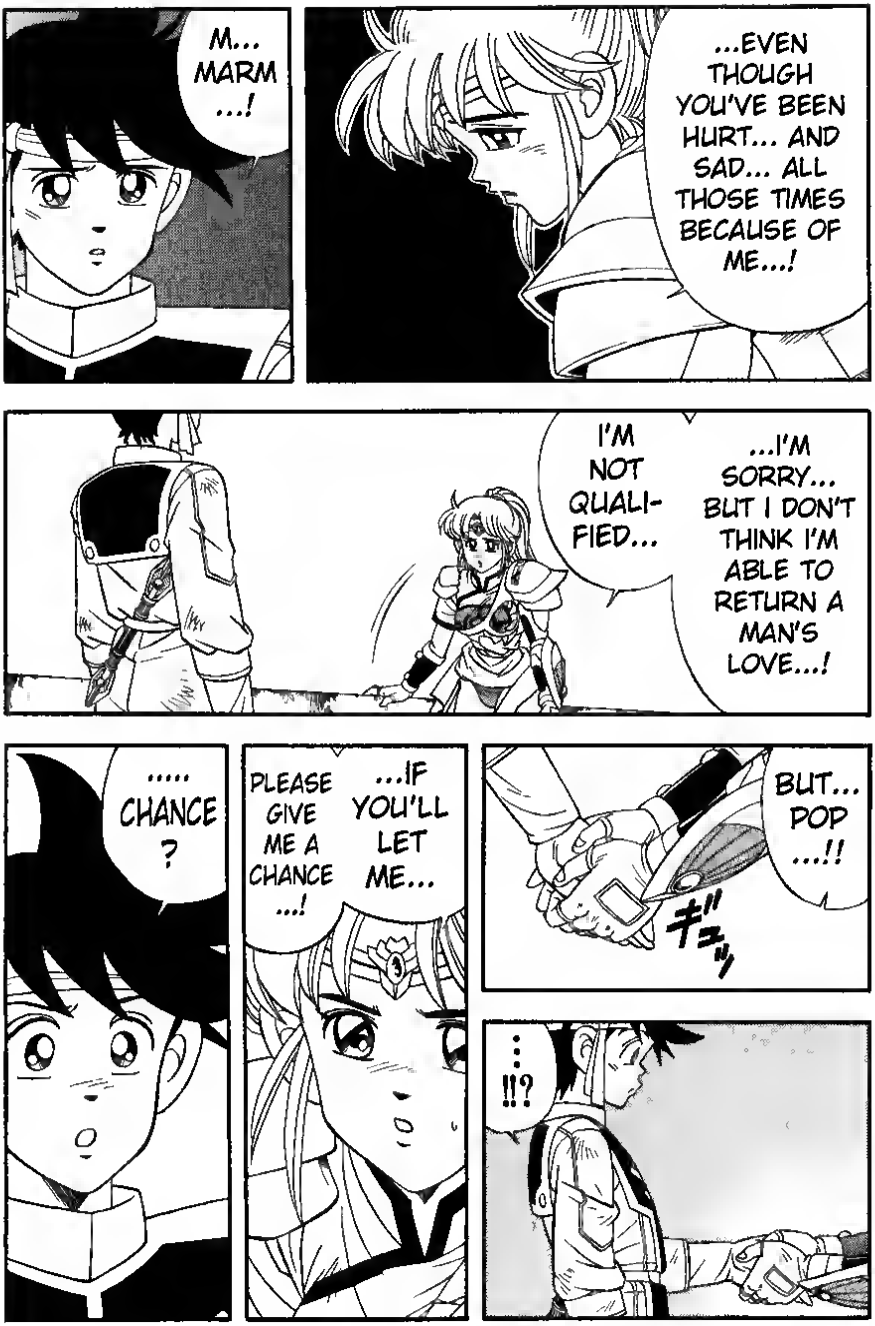

...WHEN I THOUGHT OF THAT... I JUST COULDN'T SAY IT...
ONE OF YOU MIGHT THINK THAT I'M NOT QUALIFIED TO BE IN THIS GROUP...
I JUST COULDN'T TELL ANY-ONE... ...
BUT I WAS SCA-RED
WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT MY MARK WASN'T GLOWING, I SHOULD'VE JUST TALKED TO YOU GUYS OR FLORA-SAMA
"IT'S PUNISH-MENT FOR BEING A SCARED LITTLE BOY!"
HE'D SAY ...!
...IT WAS PROBABLY AVAN-SENSEI WHO DIDN'T LET IT GLOW

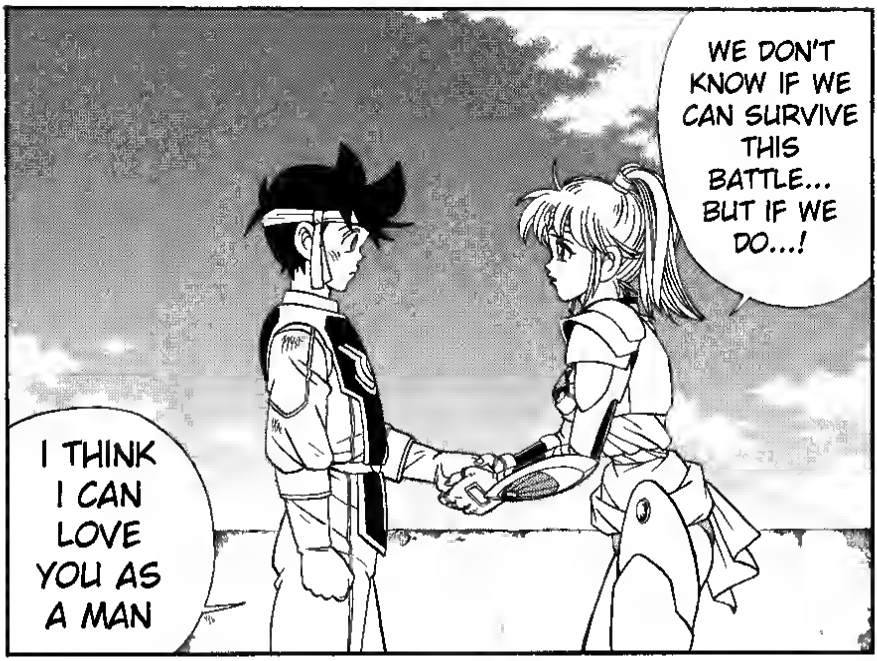

IF I DON'T GET HURT PROPERLY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO SHOW MY FACE TO MERLE!
I'M SORRY MARM!! YOU'RE RIGHT
GEEZ!! I'M SORRY!!
SFX: PAN (THUD)
...AND YOU... YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS...
BESIDES, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE WITH "COURAGE"...!!
SFX: HAHAHAA
MAYBE THAT'S WHY ...
...YOU ALWAYS SET ME STRAIGHT ...
EVERYTIME I'M ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING COWARDLY... YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE TO CALL ME ON IT...
L...
...MAYBE THAT'S WHY... I...
... THAT'S WHY ...?

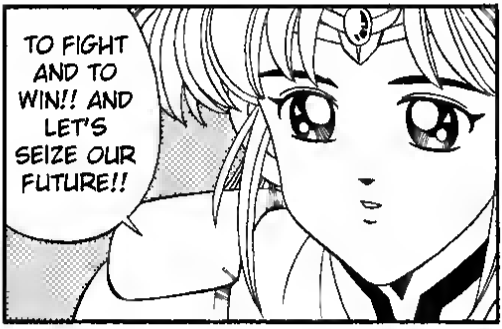

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YOU...
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...
I...
WHAT DO YOU... THINK OF ME...
...NOW IT'S YOUR TURN
...
THINK I...
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R-- REALLY --!?
LOVE YOU TOO
REALLY LOVE YOU
HE'S STRONG... BUT HE'S SO ISO-LATED AND LONELY... HE'S THAT TYPE OF MAN...
...YES, I LOVE HYUNKEL TOO...
...B-- BUT... I THOUGHT YOU LOVED HYUNKEL ?
...SHE THINK'S... I'M LIKE A YOUNGER BROTHER...
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...I CAN'T LET GO OF MY FEEL-INGS FOR YOU EITHER
YOU'RE LIKE... A YOUNGER BROTHER... THAT I HAVE TO WATCH OVER ALL THE TIME...
BUT... IF IT'S ABOUT NEGA-TIVES, THEN YOU AND HYUNKEL ARE EQUAL...!
BUT NOW I'M GLAD...
I WAS TROUBLED AT FIRST... WHEN YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU LOVED ME...

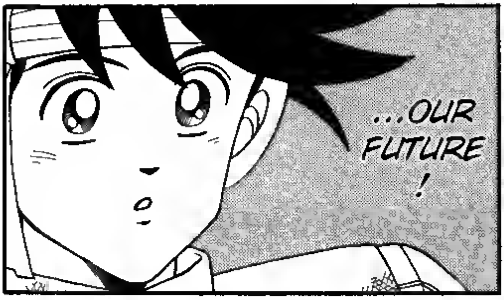

I'VE... I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING THROUGH THIS BATTLE...!!
...!?
I CAN'T GIVE YOU AN ANSWER ...
BUT ...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT LOVE REALLY IS...!
AIMI-SAN...! MERLE-SAN...! ALBI-NASS...!
THEY WERE WILLING TO THROW AWAY THEIR LIVES TO HELP THE ONES THEY LOVED...!!
NOT ONLY WAS I CLUELESS ABOUT HOW I LOOKED AT OTHERS... BUT I ALSO NEVER KNEW HOW OTHERS LOOKED AT ME...
I'M NOT SURE... IF I CAN DO THE SAME...
IT MUST BE AN EXTREMELY STRONG FEELING FOR SOMEONE TO REALLY LOVE ANOTHER

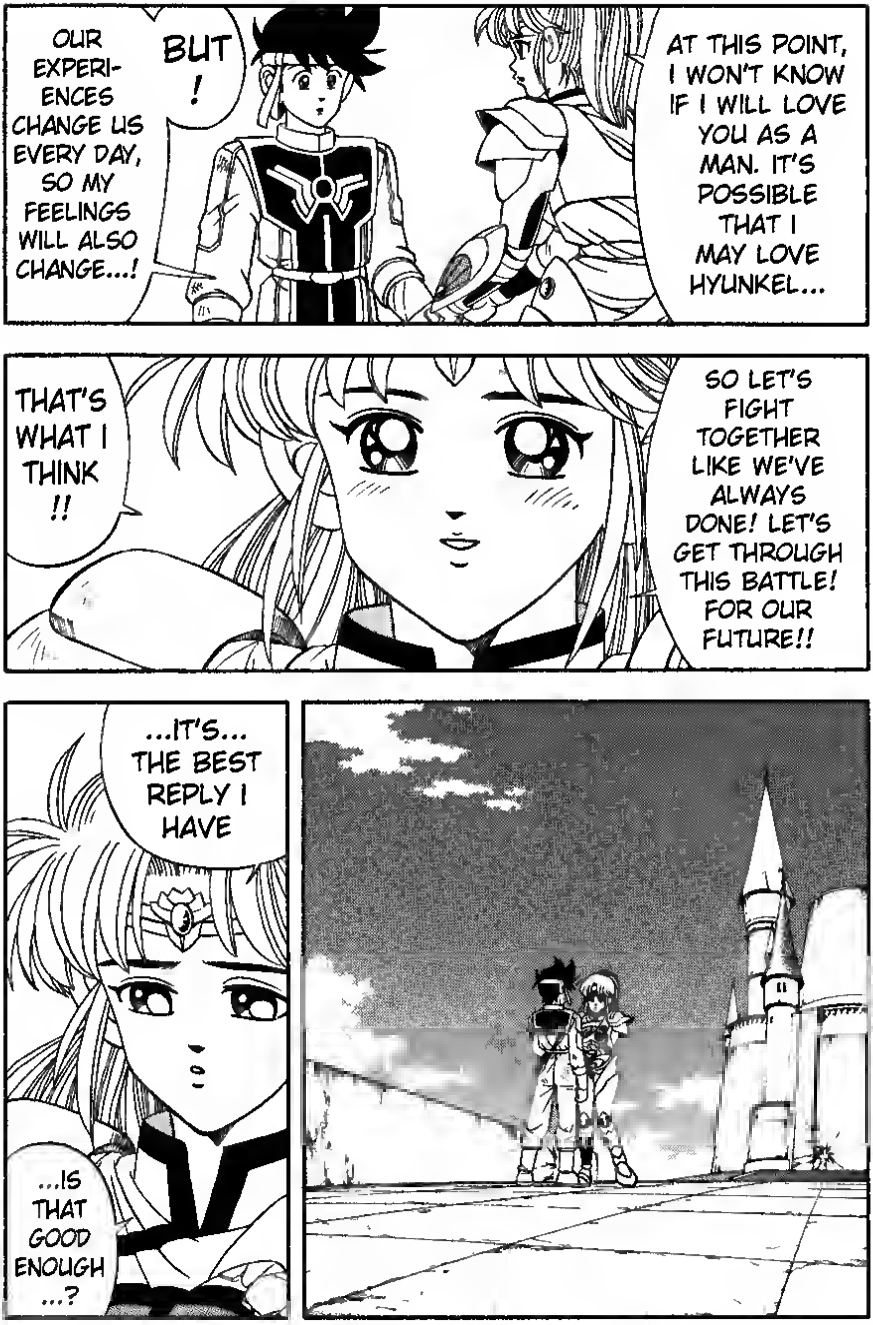

M... MARM ...!
...EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN HURT... AND SAD... ALL THOSE TIMES BECAUSE OF ME...!
I'M NOT QUALI-FIED...
...I'M SORRY... BUT I DON'T THINK I'M ABLE TO RETURN A MAN'S LOVE...!
..... CHANCE ?
PLEASE GIVE ME A CHANCE ...!
...IF YOU'LL LET ME...
BUT... POP ...!!
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...!!?


WE DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN SURVIVE THIS BATTLE... BUT IF WE DO...!
I THINK I CAN LOVE YOU AS A MAN


TO FIGHT AND TO WIN!! AND LET'S SEIZE OUR FUTURE!!

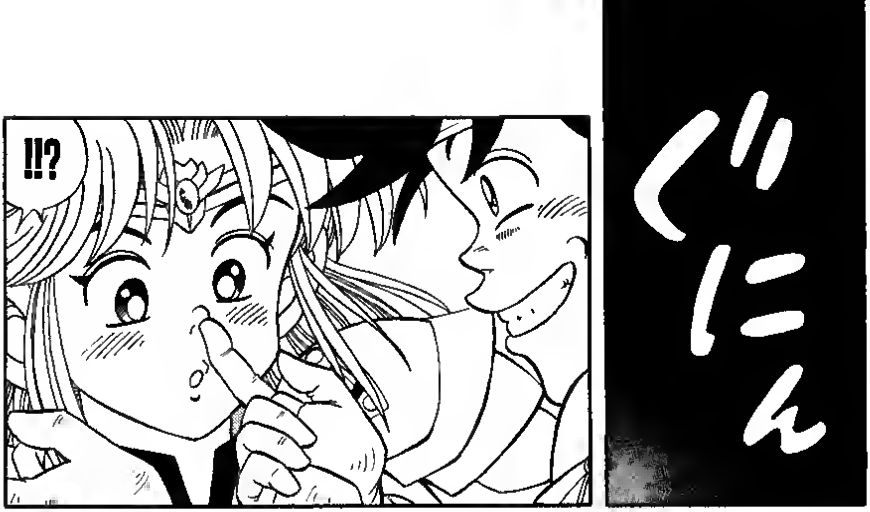

THE REASON I GOT TO LOVE YOU TILL NOW IS BECAUSE I'VE SEEN YOU GROW THROUGH ALL THE BATTLES...!
THAT'S WHY... PLEASE LEND ME YOUR HAND...!!

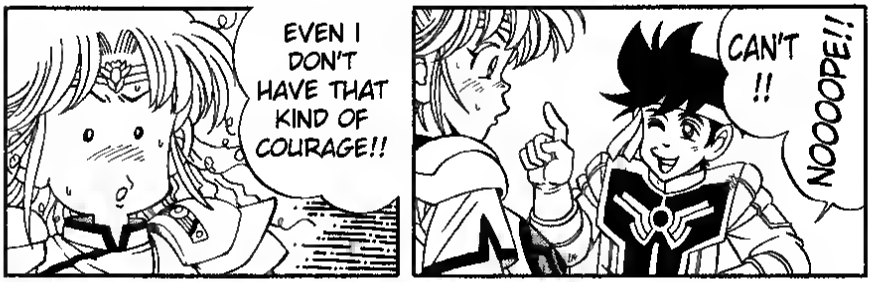

...OUR FUTURE!

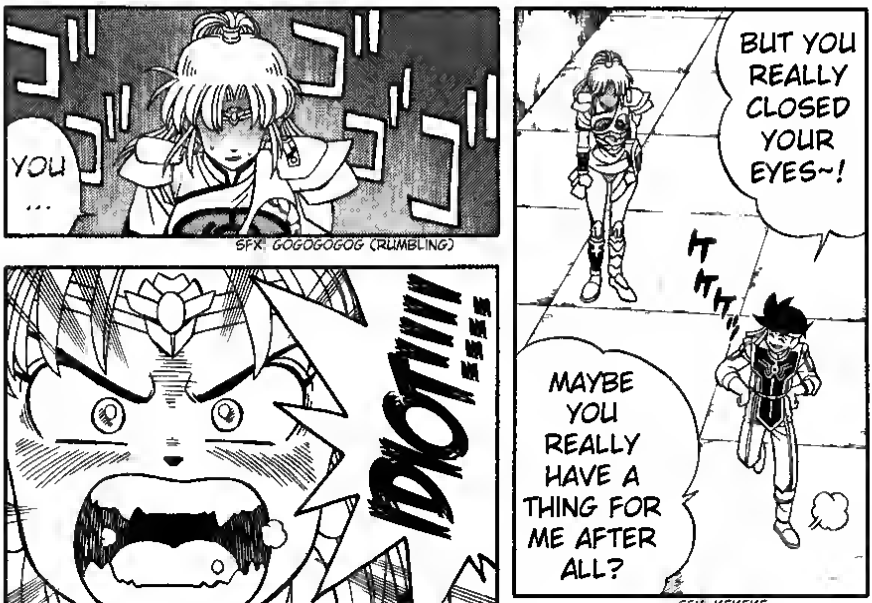

OUR EXPERIENCES CHANGE US EVERY DAY, SO MY FEELINGS WILL ALSO CHANGE...!
BUT !
AT THIS POINT, I WON'T KNOW IF I WILL LOVE YOU AS A MAN. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT I MAY LOVE HYUNKEL...
THAT'S WHAT I THINK !!
SO LET'S FIGHT TOGETHER LIKE WE'VE ALWAYS DONE! LET'S GET THROUGH THIS BATTLE! FOR OUR FUTURE!!
...IT'S... THE BEST REPLY I HAVE
...IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH ...?


THAT'S MORE THAN I DESERVE ...!!
... TH-- THANK YOU --!
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...MARM!
I'M GLAD THAT I FELL FOR YOU...
ooo I'M ooo!
... POP ?
ooo REALLY GLAD ...!!

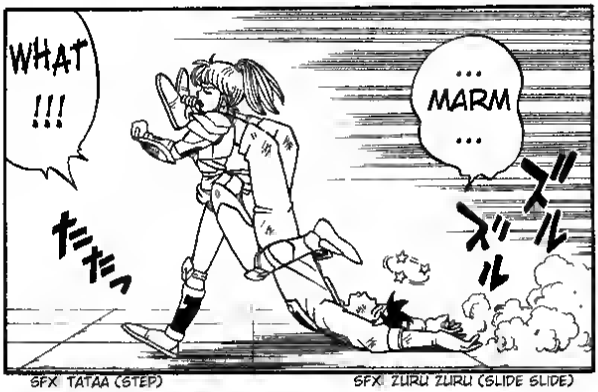

W-- WELL... THAT'S TRUE ...
IT'LL BE POINT-LESS IF WE GET KILLED BY THE DEMON LORD, RIGHT ...?
.... BUT ...
... CLOSE YOUR EYES...
EH!!? WHAT!!?
...THEN... LET ME CASH IN MY ADVANCE PAYMENT
...!!
POP!
W-- WAIT --
SFX: SLIII (MOVE)


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EVEN I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF COURAGE!!
CAN'T !!
NOOOOPE!!


YOU ...
SFX: GOGOGOGOG (RUMBLING)
!!!!LOL!!!!
BUT YOU REALLY CLOSED YOUR EYES~!
MAYBE YOU REALLY HAVE A THING FOR ME AFTER ALL?
SFX: KEKEKE


SFX: DOGAGAGAGA (SMACK, SL. IM, POW, ETC.)
SFX: UGYAAAAAAAA!!!!


WHAT !!!
... MARM ...
SFX: TATAA (STEP)
SFX: ZURU ZURU (SLIDE SLIDE)


SFX: TAA!! (STEP)


IDIOT
SFX: ZURU ZURU (SLIDE SLIDE)




EVEN IF IT'S A VERSION WHERE I'M REJECTED ...
...LET'S... WIN THIS BATTLE... OK...? I WANNA SEE THE FUTURE...


...IT'S SO HOT!
...UUU!!?
WH--WHAT THE HELL!!?
SFX GOOOOO (RUSHING WIND)


...LOOKS LIKE SIGMA GAVE YOU TROUBLE ...
POP-KUN! MARM! YOU MADE IT--!
...HALF THE TROUBLE CAME FROM MARM...
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ズキズキ
YE-- YEAH ...
...LOOK FOR YOURSELF ...!
WHAT HAP-PENED TO DAI AND HADLAR ...!!?
BUT ANYWAY, WHY'RE YOU STANDING HERE?

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HELL'S CHAIN



◀ HELL'S CHAIN IS MADE OF A SIMILAR MATERIAL AS THE HELL'S CLAW. AND IT COMES OUT AT A DEVASTATING SPEED. IF IT'S AN ORDINARY ARMOR, A BLOW FROM HELL'S CHAIN CAN EASILY PIERCE THROUGH



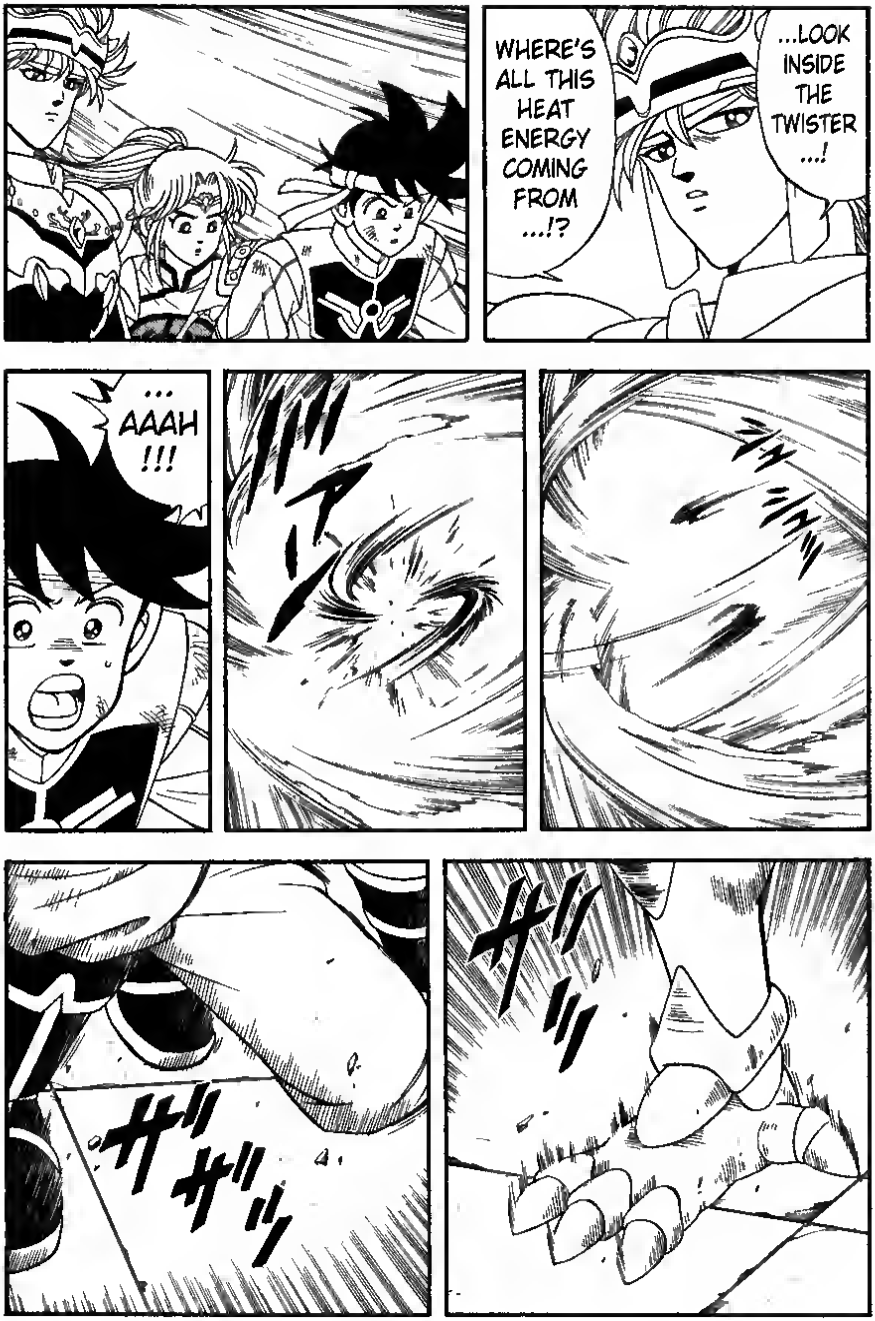
▶ THE CHAIN IS IS MADE OF SHARP BLADES SO IT DEALS DAMAGE BY JUST TYING UP THE ENEMY. OF COURSE, YOU CAN ALSO HIT THE ENEMY WITH IT.

HELL'S CHAIN IS ONE OF THE NEW ABILITIES THAT CAME WITH BEING A HYPER DEMON, AND IT WAS CREATED AS A PARALLEL WEAPON WITH THE BLADE OF CHAMPIONS ON HADLAR'S RIGHT ARM. HELL'S CHAIN COMES OUT OF HADLAR'S LEFT ARM LIKE A WHIP AND TIES UP HIS ENEMY TO INCREASE THE ACCURACY OF HIS SWORD AND MAGIC ATTACKS.

THE DUEL OF TRUE DRAGONS!!!

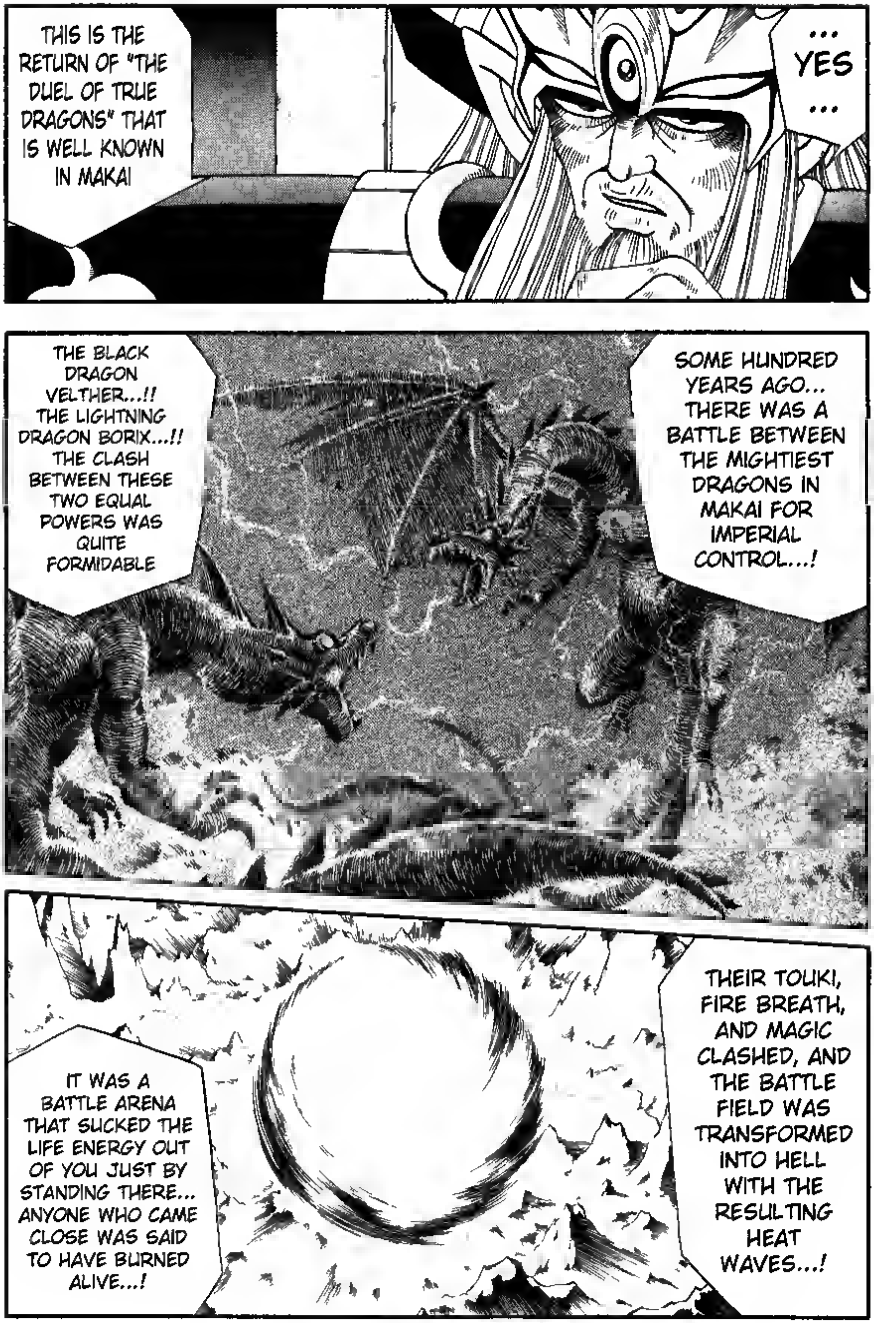
真竜の闘い(しんりゅうたたか)!!!の巻(まき)




WHERE'S ALL THIS HEAT ENERGY COMING FROM ...!?
...LOOK INSIDE THE TWISTER ...!
...
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SO... THIS HEAT WAVE IS CREATED BY THE CLASH BETWEEN DAI AND HADLAR...?
...AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY'RE FIGHTING A TERRIFYING FIGHT...!
WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY DOING!!?
WHA!! WHAT THE HELL!?
PI III ...
...IT'S COMPLETELY THEIR OWN WORLD...! WE HAD TO GET OUT OF THAT AREA QUICKLY WHEN THEY STARTED...!
HOW CAN YOU GET TO A SITUATION LIKE THIS...!!?
WH-- WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON!!?
...!
..."THE DUEL OF TRUE DRAGONS" !!


THIS IS THE RETURN OF "THE DUEL OF TRUE DRAGONS" THAT IS WELL KNOWN IN MAKAI
... YES ...
THE BLACK DRAGON VELTHER...!! THE LIGHTNING DRAGON BORIX...!! THE CLASH BETWEEN THESE TWO EQUAL POWERS WAS QUITE FORMIDABLE
SOME HUNDRED YEARS AGO... THERE WAS A BATTLE BETWEEN THE MIGHTIEST DRAGONS IN MAKAI FOR IMPERIAL CONTROL...!
IT WAS A BATTLE ARENA THAT SUCKED THE LIFE ENERGY OUT OF YOU JUST BY STANDING THERE... ANYONE WHO CAME CLOSE WAS SAID TO HAVE BURNED ALIVE...!
THEIR TOUKI, FIRE BREATH, AND MAGIC CLASHED, AND THE BATTLE FIELD WAS TRANSFORMED INTO HELL WITH THE RESULTING HEAT WAVES...!


WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY FINALE CAME, ONE OF THEM GRASPED VICTORY! THE WINNER OF THIS ULTIMATE FIGHT WAS VELTHER
AND HE CLAIMED THE TITLE OF "DARK DRAGON KING"
SINCE THEN, THAT BATTLE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS "THE DUEL OF TRUE DRAGONS" TOLD IN LEGEND AS THE MOST EXTREME AND CRUEL BATTLE IN HISTORY...
...I WOULD HAVE NEVER THOUGHT THAT THEY COULD COME THIS FAR...!!
... FUFUFU! KEEP YOUR EYES FIXATED, KILL-VEARN
YOU DO NOT GET TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THIS VERY OFTEN...!
IT ONLY OCCURS WHEN THE DUELING PARTIES ARE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND EQUAL IN POWER... THAT SELDOM HAPPENS...!


Y-YOU DAMN IDIOT! DAI IS FIGHTING A MATCH LIKE THAT... WHY AREN'T YOU HELPING HIM!!?
.....
!!!
BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, NOBODY CAN GET CLOSE TO THOSE TWO...
...IF I COULD GET IN, I WOULD


B-BUT... THEN WHY ISN'T DAI USING HIS SWORD ...!!?
RA-THER ...
THE WILL OF THESE TWO WOULD NOT LET ANYONE INTER-FERE...
IT'S THE SAME WITH HADLAR ...
...SINCE THAT HEAT WAVE SPACE WAS CREATED, THEY'VE ONLY BEEN FIGHT-ING WITH THEIR BARE HANDS...!!
...THAT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY CAN SENSE IT'S THE END WHEN ONE OF THEM DRAWS THEIR SWORD...!!
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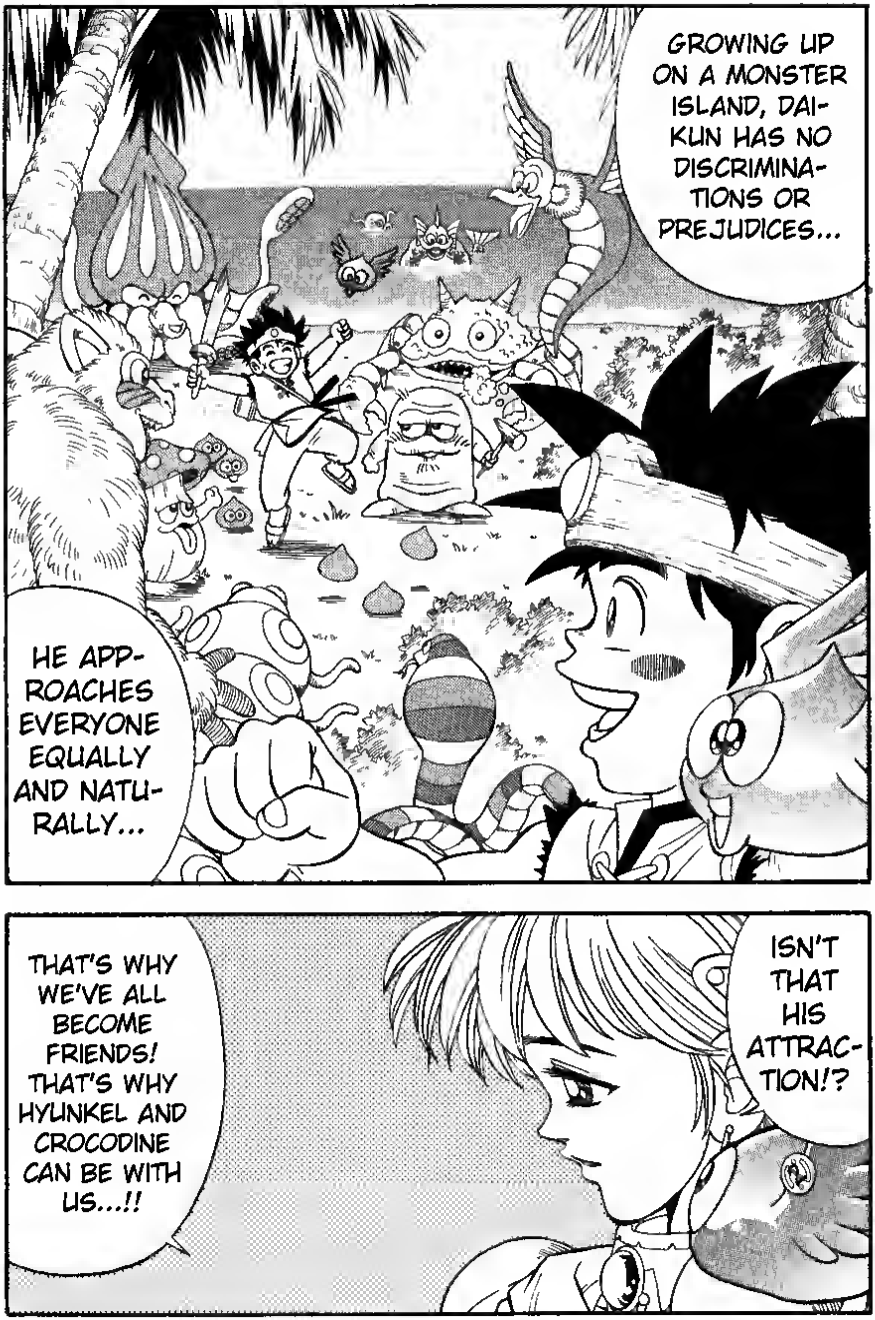

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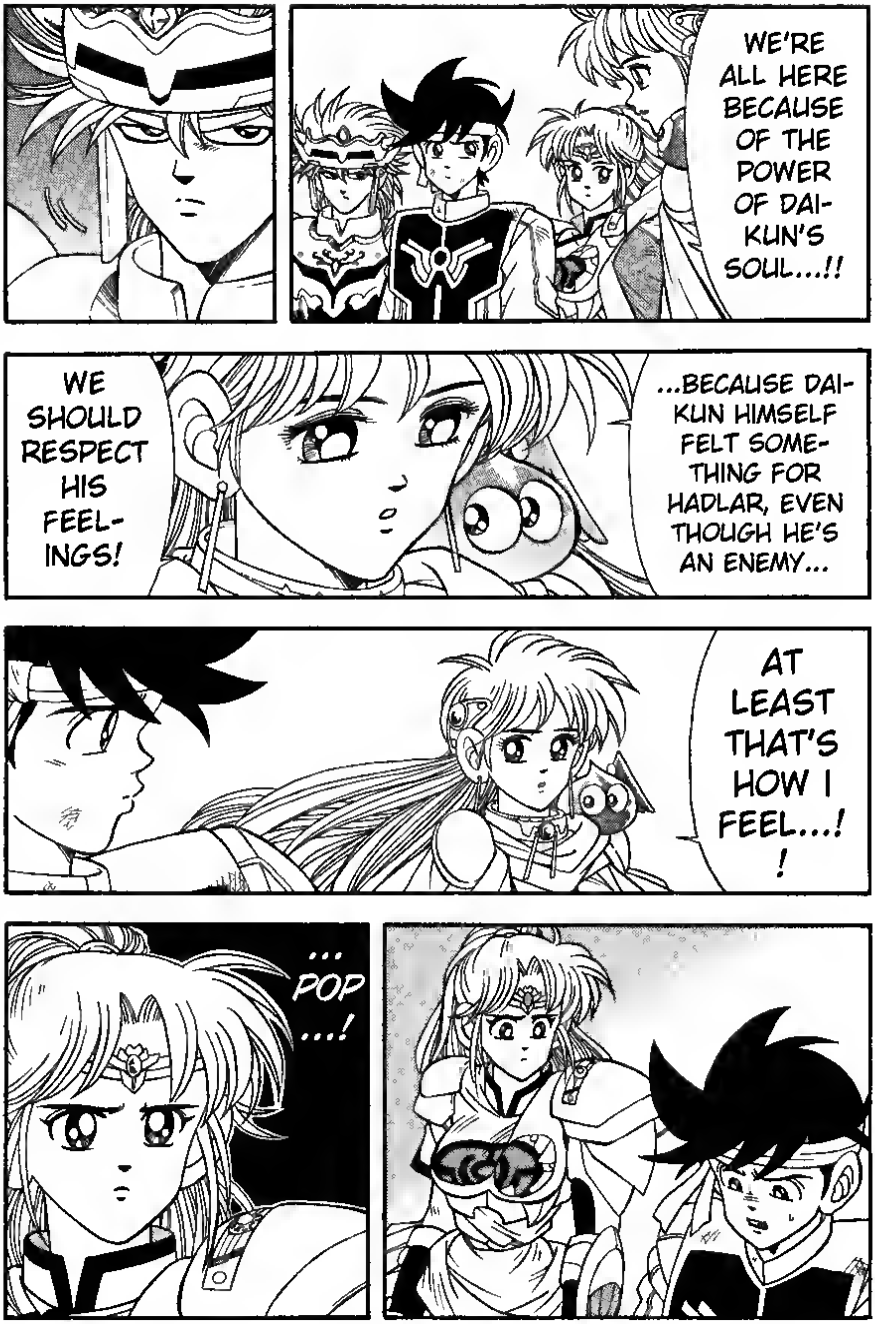

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DAI!
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I CAN BLOW AWAY ANY HEAT WITH MY MEDOROA --!
D-- DAMMIT! I CAN'T STAND IT!!!
WITH THIS... I WILL TAKE HADLAR --!!!
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DON'T DO IT, POP!!
FOR THEIR SAKE !!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING !!?
!!?
HAAH
HAAH
LOOK!!!
THERE'S NO TIME TO ARGUE!!
EVEN IF HE'S A DRAGON KNIGHT... LOOK AT WHO'S GOT MORE STAMINA!! OUR LITTLE DAI OR THAT REALLY BIG HADLAR!!?
...HE'S LOSING HIS ENERGY JUST BY STANDING THERE!!
HAAH
HAAH
.....


!!?
WAIT!! POP-KUN!!
BUT I'M SAVING DAI--!!!
I DON'T CARE IF YOU CALL IT CHEAP!!
THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T INTER-FERE --!!
...DAI-KUN... HE WANTED THIS FIGHT
Y-YOU TOO... HIME-SAN ...!!?
THAT'S WHY DAI-KUN IS "OUR DAI," RIGHT ...?
...HE'D NEVER DO THAT ...
HE SHOULD'VE JUST IGNORED WHAT HADLAR SAID!!
... HE'S TOO NAIVE !


IF YOUR POWER IS COURAGE, THEN DAI-KUN'S POWER IS STILL A MYSTERY, RIGHT?
... I'VE BEEN THINK-ING...
I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING WHAT THAT MIGHT BE...
HIS SWEET-NESS; HE GIVES OFF SOME SORT OF PURE FEELING... THAT PURE HEART... IT'S "PURITY"--!!
ISN'T HIS POWER THAT SAME NAIVETE?


GROWING UP ON A MONSTER ISLAND, DAI-KUN HAS NO DISCRIMINA-TIONS OR PREJUDICES...
HE APP-ROACHES EVERYONE EQUALLY AND NATU-RALLY...
ISN'T THAT HIS ATTRAC-TION!?
THAT'S WHY WE'VE ALL BECOME FRIENDS! THAT'S WHY HYUNKEL AND CROCODINE CAN BE WITH US...!!


WE'RE ALL HERE BECAUSE OF THE POWER OF DAI-KUN'S SOUL...!!
WE SHOULD RESPECT HIS FEEL-INGS!
...BECAUSE DAI-KUN HIMSELF FELT SOME-THING FOR HADLAR, EVEN THOUGH HE'S AN ENEMY...
AT LEAST THAT'S HOW I FEEL...!!
...POP...!


THIS HAND TO HAND COMBAT WILL ONLY LAST LONG ENOUGH FOR MY ENERGY TO DEPLETE FIRST... IN ORDER TO BEAT HIM... I HAVE TO USE EVERYTHING I GOT--!!!
...I ...I WON'T BE ABLE TO BEAT HIM LIKE THAT...!!
!!!
H-- HIS SWORD --!!!
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THAT'S THE FACE YOU PUT ON WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING AMAZING--!!
... FUFU FU!! I KNOW THAT FACE!
... EVEN NOW... IT'S MY FAVORITE OF ALL YOUR FACES--!!!

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NORTHERN·GRANBLADE

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▲WHEN THE NORTHERN GRANDBLADE IS PRODUCED WITH A MOMENTUM, ITS DESTRUCTIVENESS IS SAID TO RIVAL THE RAIDEIN STRASH.

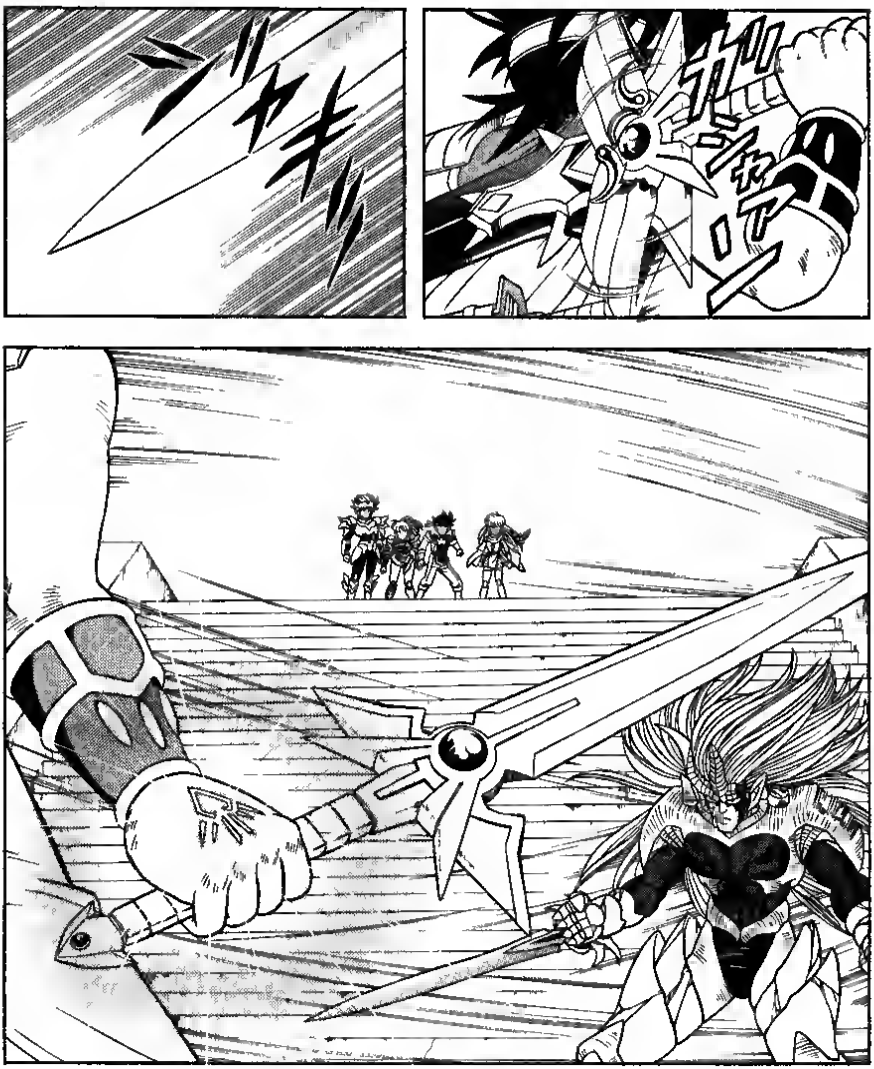


WHEN NOVA JUMPS UP HIGH, HIS SWORD SHINES WITH HIS ENERGY TO FORM A CROSS. ▶

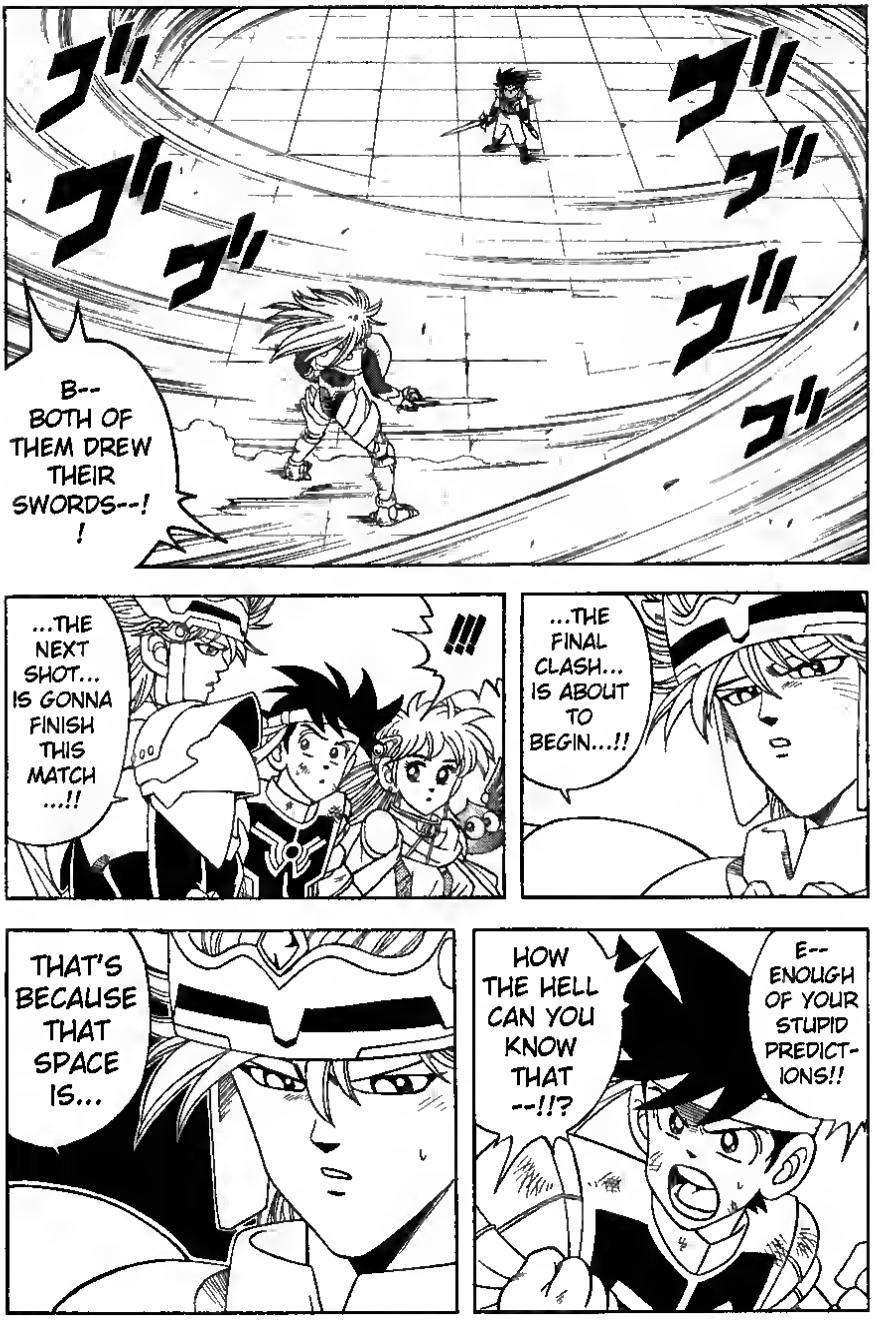
NORTHERN GRANDBLADE IS THE FAVORITE ATTACK OF NOVA, THE HERO OF THE NORTH. FIRST NOVA MAXIMIZES HIS AURA BLADE AND JUMPS UP HIGH INTO THE SKY. THEN HE USES THE MOMENTUM TO COME DOWN AND HIT THE ENEMY IN HIS HEAD. THE ATTACK IS CHARACTERIZED BY THE SHINING CROSS OF HIS SWORD.

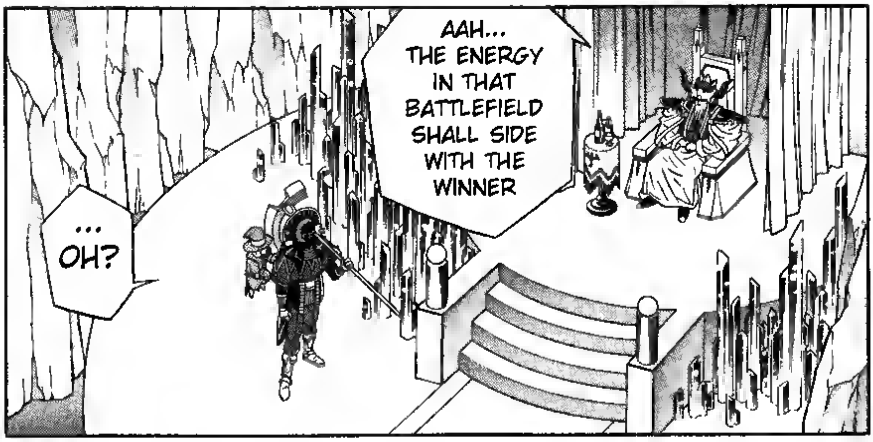
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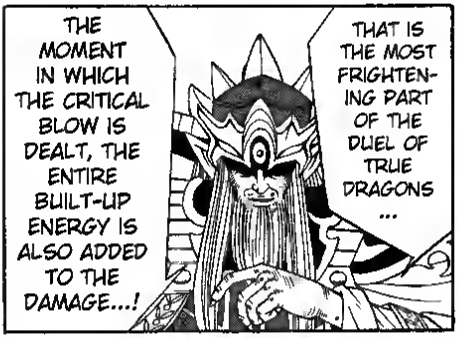
HERE IT COMES!! THE ULTIMATE SPECIAL ATTACK



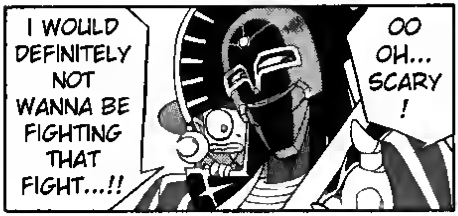
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B--BOTH OF THEM DREW THEIR SWORDS--!!
...THE NEXT SHOT... IS GONNA FINISH THIS MATCH ...!!
!!!
...THE FINAL CLASH... IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...!!
THAT'S BECAUSE THAT SPACE IS...
HOW THE HELL CAN YOU KNOW THAT --!!?
E--ENOUGH OF YOUR STUPID PREDICT-IONS!!


AAH... THE ENERGY IN THAT BATTLEFIELD SHALL SIDE WITH THE WINNER
... OH?

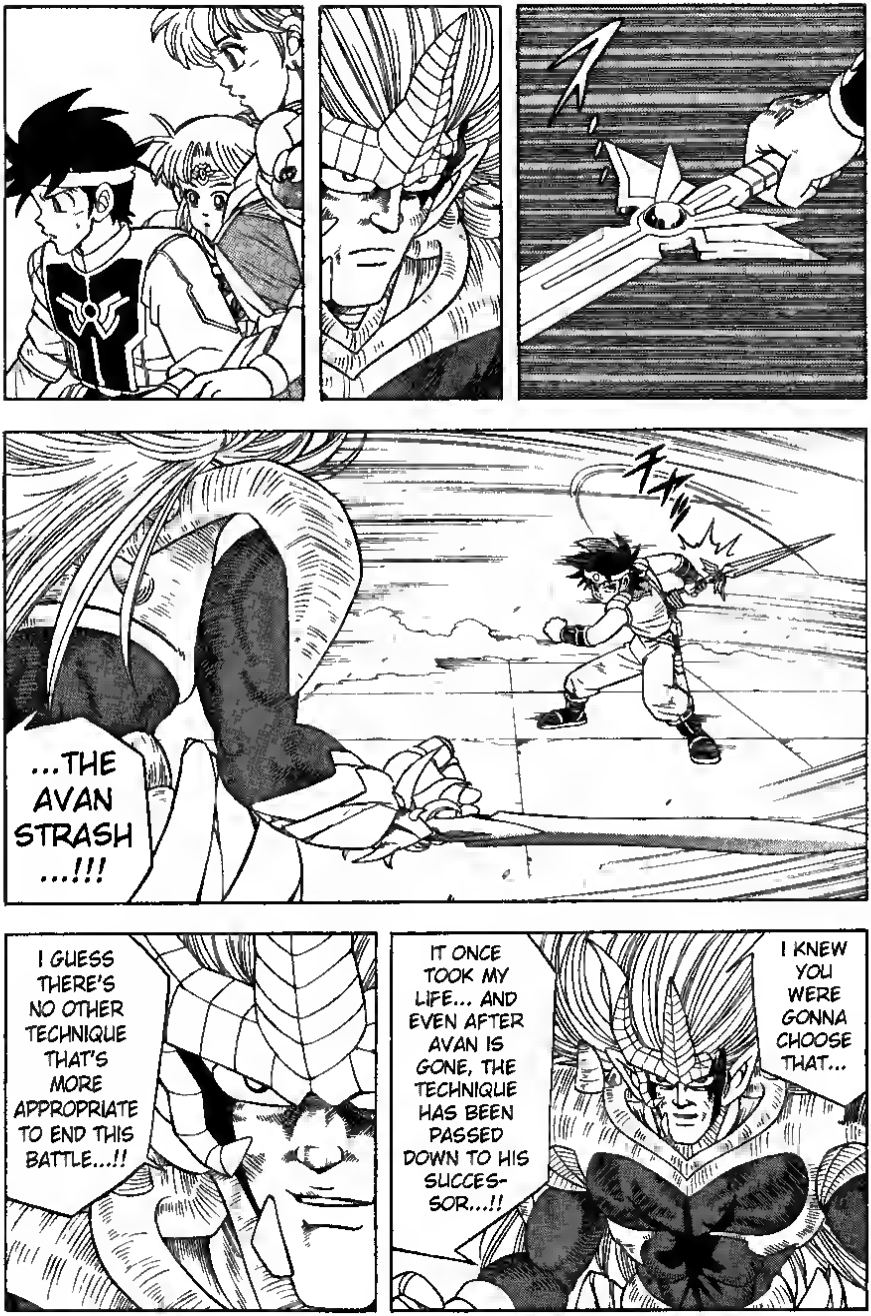

THE MOMENT IN WHICH THE CRITICAL BLOW IS DEALT, THE ENTIRE BUILT-UP ENERGY IS ALSO ADDED TO THE DAMAGE...!
THAT IS THE MOST FRIGHTENING PART OF THE DUEL OF TRUE DRAGONS ...


THE LOSER WILL FACE A CERTAIN DEATH


I WOULD DEFINITELY NOT WANNA BE FIGHTING THAT FIGHT...!!
OO OH... SCARY !


THE INTENSE, HEATED ENERGY THAT SURROUNDS THEM IS ONLY MAINTAINED BECAUSE THEIR POWERS ARE EQUAL...
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THEREFORE, WHEN THAT EQUILIBRIUM IS BROKEN, ALL THE BUILT-UP ENERGY WILL RUSH TOWARD THE WEAKER ONE!
THE WEAKER ONE WILL NO DOUBT BECOME LOSER...!


DAI ON THE OTHER HAND...
THE FINAL BLOW OF HADLAR IS, OF COURSE, THE CHOUMA BAKUENHA!
BUT GIVEN THAT, DAI DOES NOT SEEM TO BE DISADVANTAGED
...BUT BECAUSE THE STRONGEST SPELL HE KNOWS IS *RAIDEIN*, THE THE POWER OF HIS MAGIC SWORD WON'T BE THAT MUCH...!
HIS STRONGEST ATTACK IS THE AVAN STRASH, PAIRED WITH DRAGONIC AURA OR SOME SORT OF A SPELL
...WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO...?
...BUT DAI KNOWS BETTER THAN TO SIMPLY USE HIS STRASH
THE RESULT IS OBVIOUS IF THE AVAN STRASH IS AGAINST THE CHOUMA BAKUENHA ...


...THE AVAN STRASH ...!!!
I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER TECHNIQUE THAT'S MORE APPROPRIATE TO END THIS BATTLE...!!
IT ONCE TOOK MY LIFE... AND EVEN AFTER AVAN IS GONE, THE TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN TO HIS SUCCES-SOR...!!
I KNEW YOU WERE GONNA CHOOSE THAT...


...I KNOW! THE ONE WHO LOSES THIS HIT WILL TAKE ALL THE HEAT ENERGY, RIGHT?
...I'M AFRAID THAT YOU'LL HAVE NO CHANCE--!!
... HOW-EVER!
... BUT I...
...SO YOU KNEW...
!!
NAMELY, THE NEW AVAN STRASH!!
BECAUSE... THIS IS AN AVAN STRASH THAT I INVENTED TO FIGHT DEMON LORD VEARN...!
THE AVAN STRASH WILL NOT LOSE!
NO!


I WANTED TO HOLD BACK UNTIL THE BATTLE WITH VEARN, BUT IF I LOSE HERE, THERE'S NO POINT!
T-THE... NEW STRASH !!?
WHAT !!?
I WILL FIGHT !!!
NOW !
LET'S SEE IT!! YOUR NEW SPECIAL ATTACK!!!
... FINE! !!!
...IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BLUFF YOUR WAY OUT...


IF IT'S NOT THE STRONGEST, MY CRITICAL BLOW WILL CRUSH YOU!!!!


THIS ISN'T GOOD!! WE NEED TO STAY FARTHER AWAY...!!!
GU UU !!!


NO... NO WAY!!! I WON'T LEAVE HERE!!!
...THEN! AT LEAST STAY LOW!!!




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HERE I
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WELL... THE
ONLY THING
DIFFERENT IS
THAT IT
SEEMS HE'S
LEANING
FOWARD A
LITTLE...
WHAT'S HE
DOING... HIS
POSTURE IS
THE SAME AS
ALWAYS...
AVAN
STRASH
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...
THAT STRASH DOESN'T LOOKS ANY STRONGER THAN THE NORMAL STRASH ...!!
...TH-- THAT'S THE NEW STRASH --!!?
.....


THIS IS THE SAME AS THE NORMAL AVAN STRASH!!!
ARROW MY ASS!!
...WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...
I WILL ERASE IT!!!!!
SUCH A PIECE OF SHIT ATTACK IS NOTHING BEFORE MY CHOUMA BAKUENHA!!!


DAI!! RUN!!
NOW!!!
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AVAN STRASH BREAK !!!!
WH— WHAT!!?




TO THE FIRST STRASH ...!!!
HE'S CATCH-ING UP--!!!
AA AH !!
OOO OOH !!!?


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TAKE
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AVAN
STRASH
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FIERCE TIGER CRUSHING FIST

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▶ IT'S A POWERFUL ATTACK, BUT IT ALSO DAMAGES YOUR OWN BODY. MARM CAN ONLY USE IT WHEN HER DEFENSE IS RAISED BY HER ARMOR

▼ THE NAME IS DERIVED FROM THE FACT THAT THE FACE OF THE TIGER APPEARS ON THE BACK OF THE ENEMY WHEN HIT BY THIS ATTACK



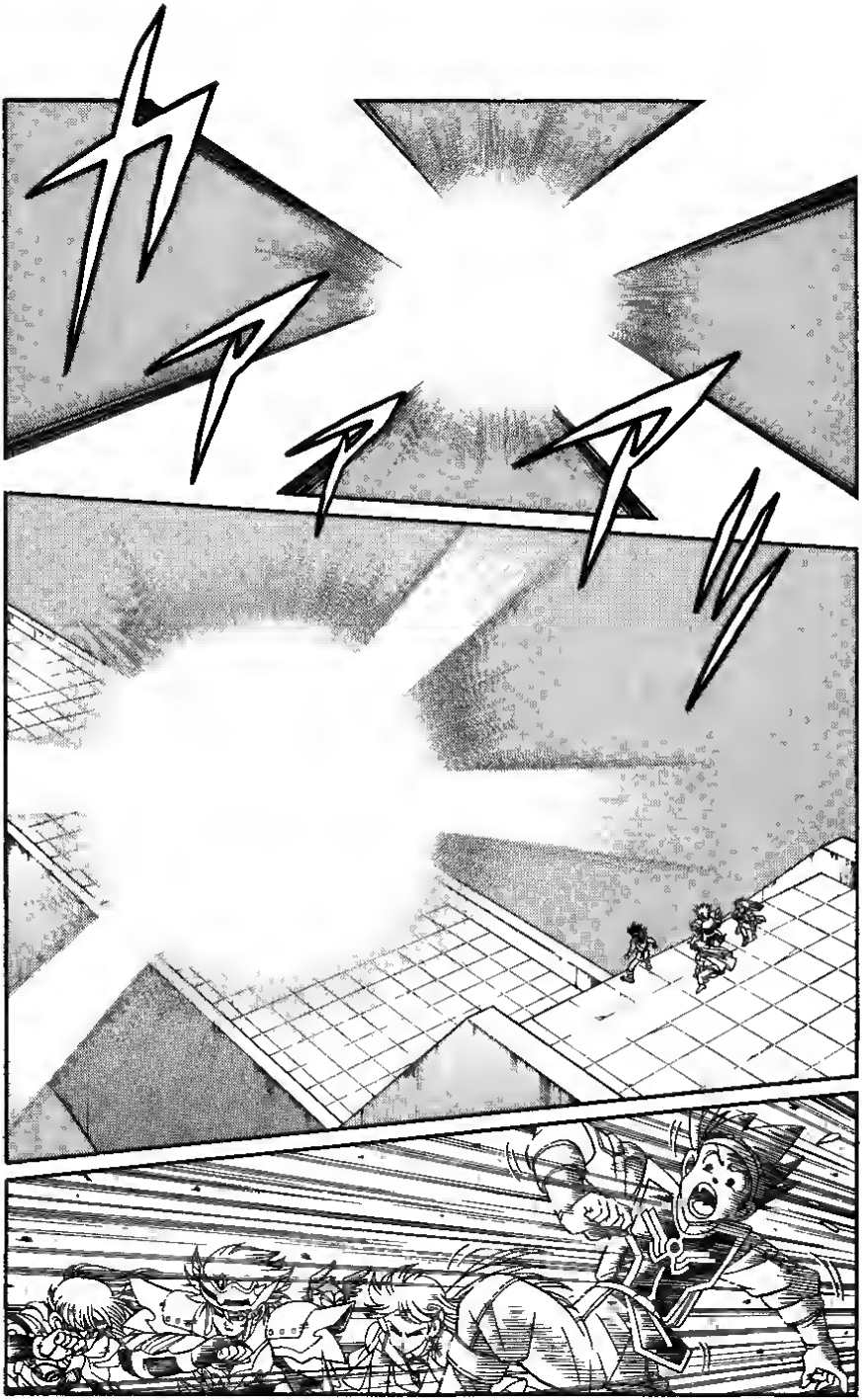


AMONG ALL THE SPECIAL ATTACKS INVENTED BY THE LEGENDARY FIGHTER BROKEENA, MOUKO HASAIKEN DEALS THE MOST PHYSICAL DAMAGE. THIS ATTACK IS DONE BY CONCENTRATING THE ENTIRE ENERGY INTO A SINGLE POINT OF YOUR FIST AND DELIVER THE BLOW AT HIGH SPEED. THE BLOW FROM THIS TECHNIQUE WILL DESTROY THE ENEMY INTO PIECES NO MATTER HOW STRONG THE ENEMY IS.

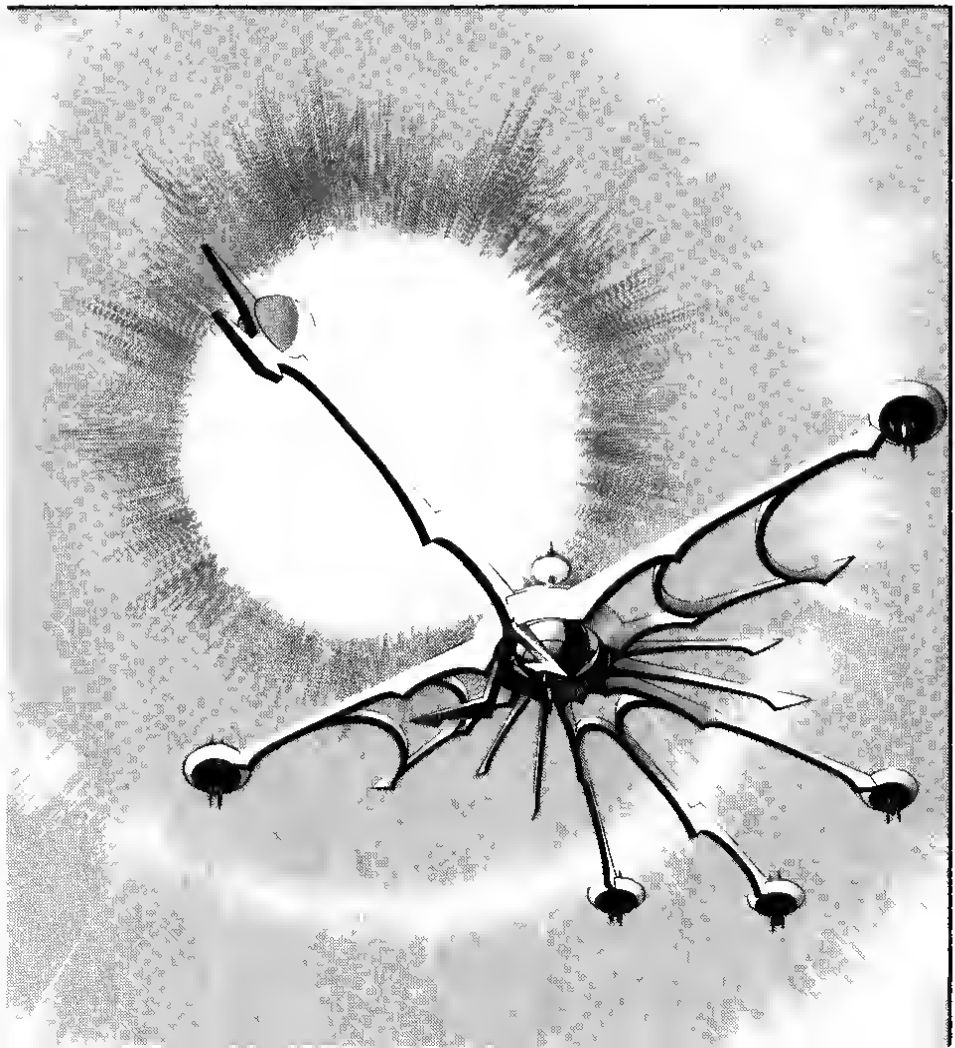


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BURNING LIFE...!!!



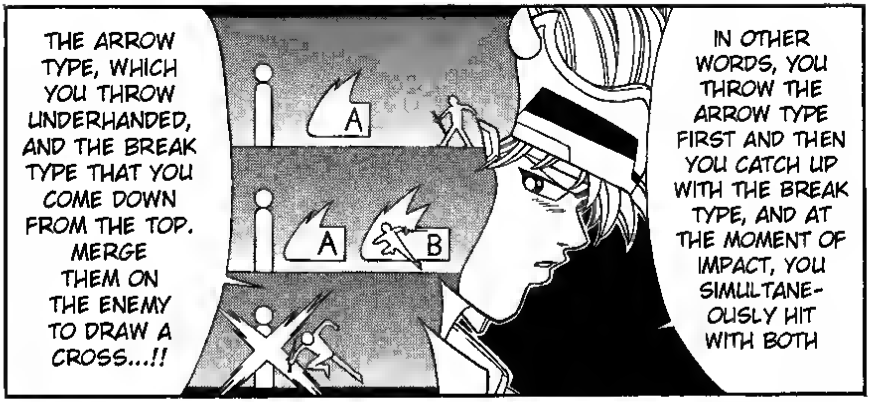

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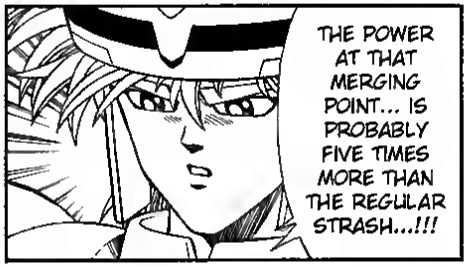

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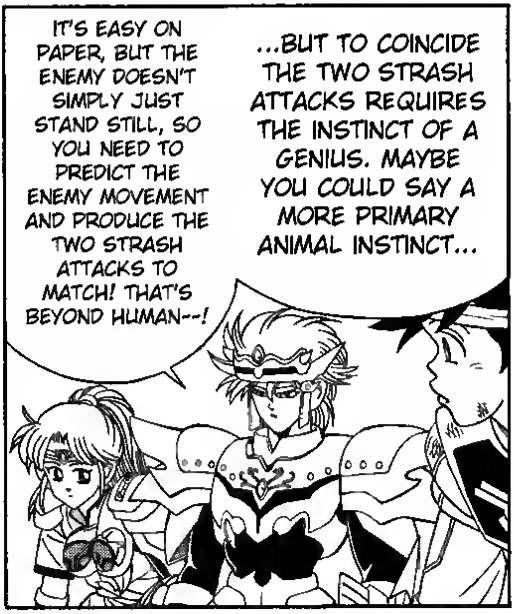
NOTE: SIMILAR TO HOW THE AVAN STRASH ARROW AND THE AVAN STRASH BREAK IS ALSO CALLED "AVAN STRASH A" AND "AVAN STRASH B", IN THE RAWS, "AVAN STRASH X" IS WRITTEN WITH THE X HAVING FURIGANA THAT SAYS "CROSS". WE USED BREAK AND ARROW. WE'LL ALSO USE CROSS.

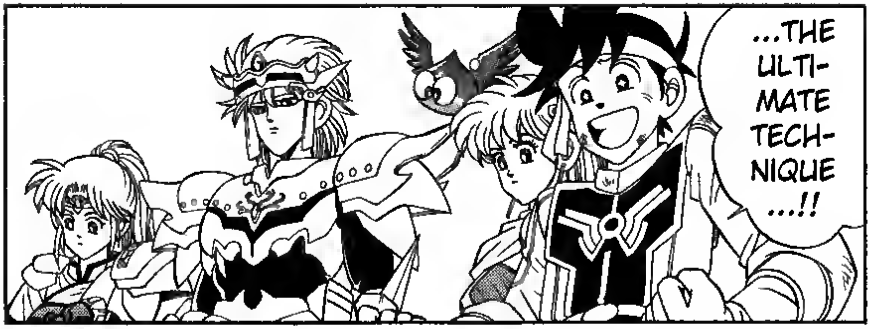

THE ARROW TYPE, WHICH YOU THROW UNDERHANDED, AND THE BREAK TYPE THAT YOU COME DOWN FROM THE TOP. MERGE THEM ON THE ENEMY TO DRAW A CROSS...!!
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IN OTHER WORDS, YOU THROW THE ARROW TYPE FIRST AND THEN YOU CATCH UP WITH THE BREAK TYPE, AND AT THE MOMENT OF IMPACT, YOU SIMULTANE-OUSLY HIT WITH BOTH

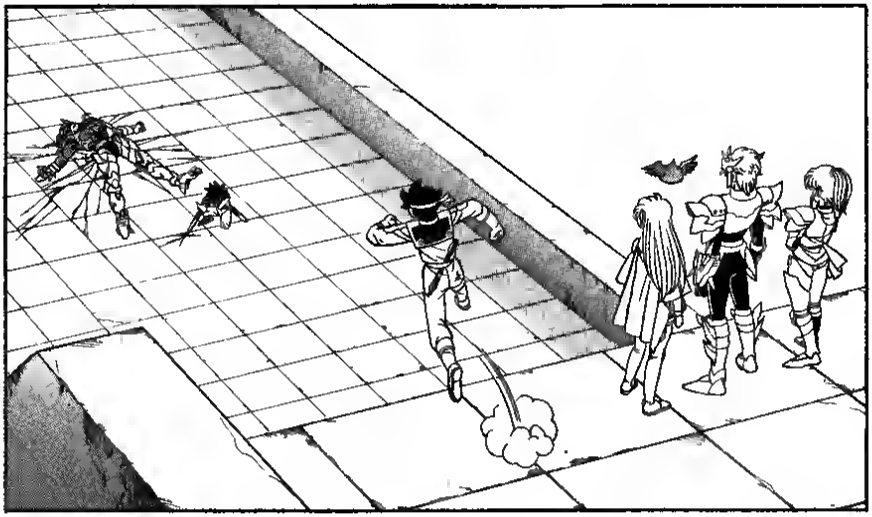

F-- FIVE TIMES --!!?


THE POWER AT THAT MERGING POINT... IS PROBABLY FIVE TIMES MORE THAN THE REGULAR STRASH...!!!

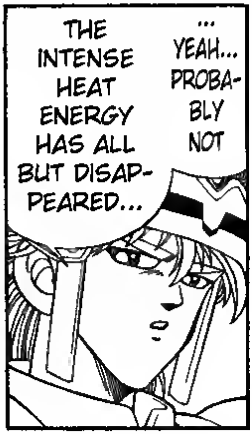

THE ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE MADE POS-SIBLE BY DAI--!!!
...I PROBA-BLY COULDN'T DO IT


IT'S EASY ON PAPER, BUT THE ENEMY DOESN'T SIMPLY JUST STAND STILL, SO YOU NEED TO PREDICT THE ENEMY MOVEMENT AND PRODUCE THE TWO STRASH ATTACKS TO MATCH! THAT'S BEYOND HUMAN--!
...BUT TO COINCIDE THE TWO STRASH ATTACKS REQUIRES THE INSTINCT OF A GENIUS. MAYBE YOU COULD SAY A MORE PRIMARY ANIMAL INSTINCT...


...THE ULTI-MATE TECH-NIQUE ...!!

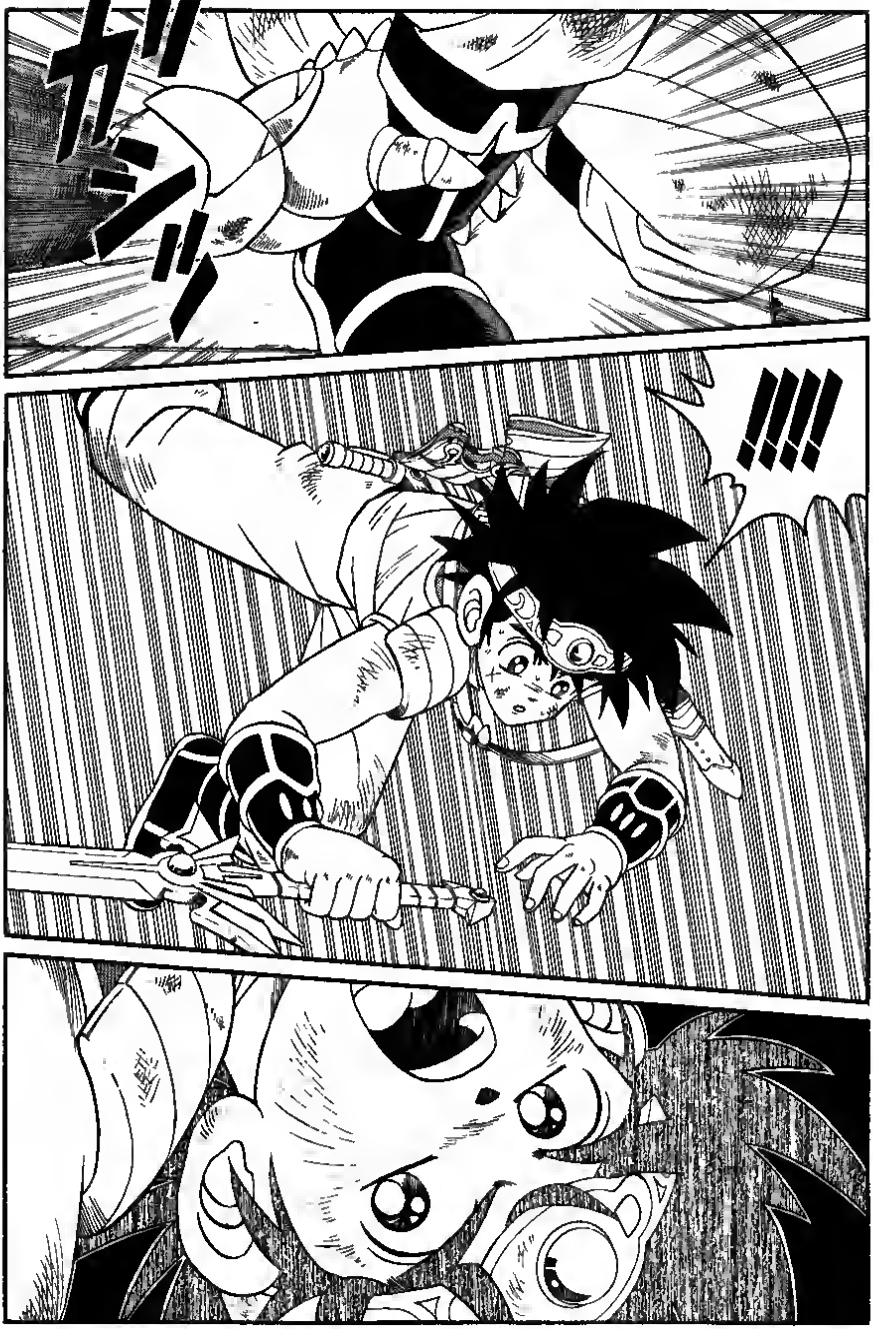



EVEN HADLAR WON'T MAKE IT IF HE'S HIT BY THE STRASH CROSS AND THE ENTIRE ENERGY OF THAT BATTLE SPACE...


THE INTENSE HEAT ENERGY HAS ALL BUT DISAP-PEARED...
... YEAH... PROBA-BLY NOT

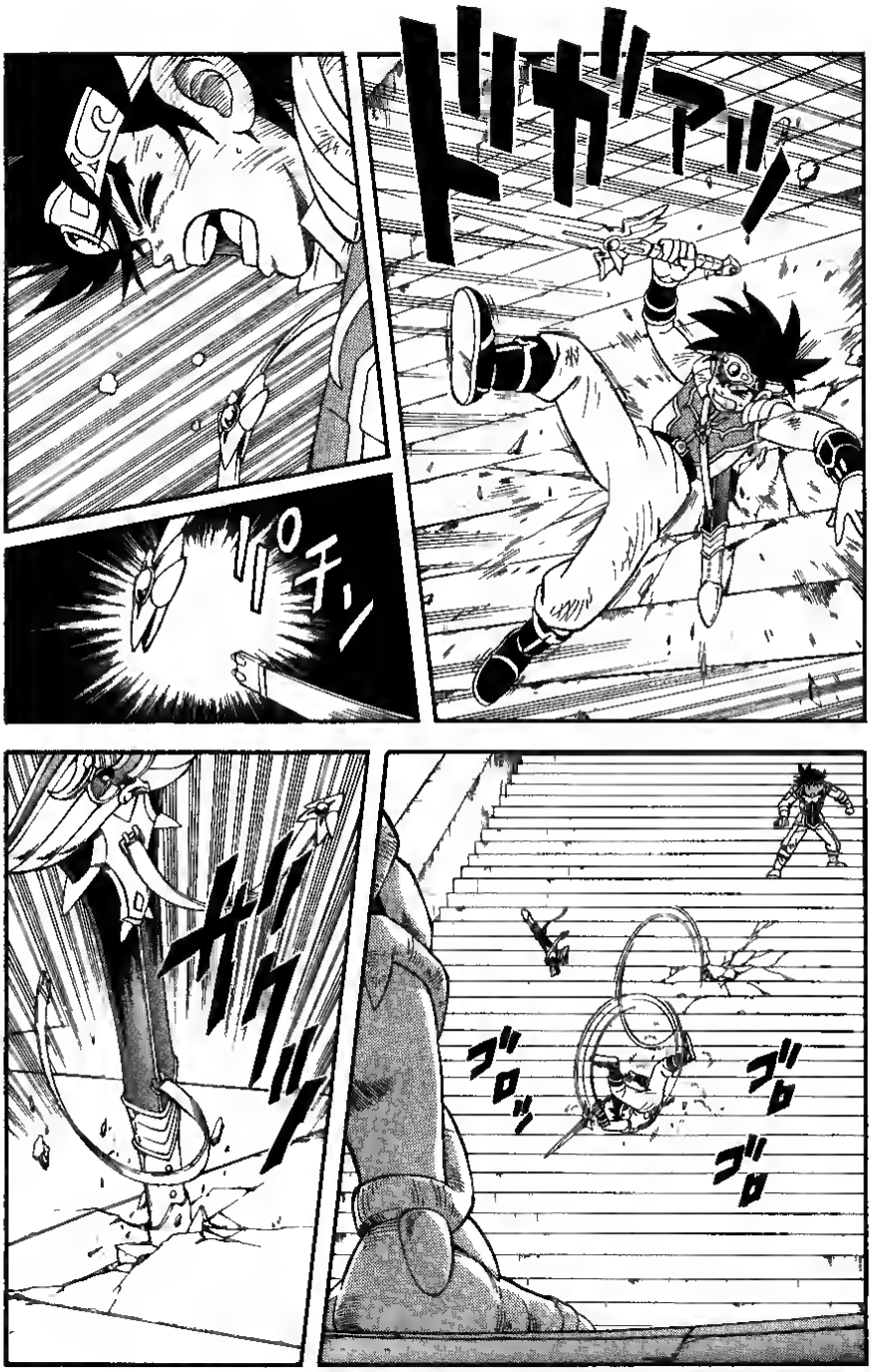

... HADLAR... HE WON'T MAKE IT THIS TIME WILL HE...

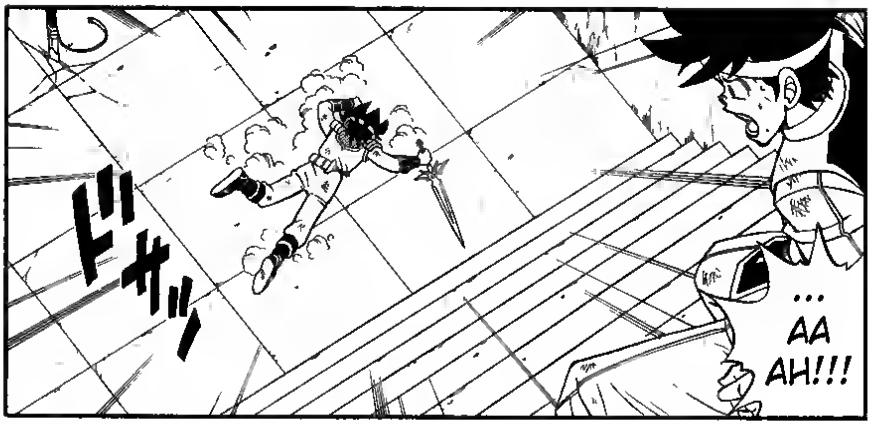

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THAT WAS AWE-SOME!!
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DAI--!!! AWE-SOME!!!
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IT'S NOT OVER!!
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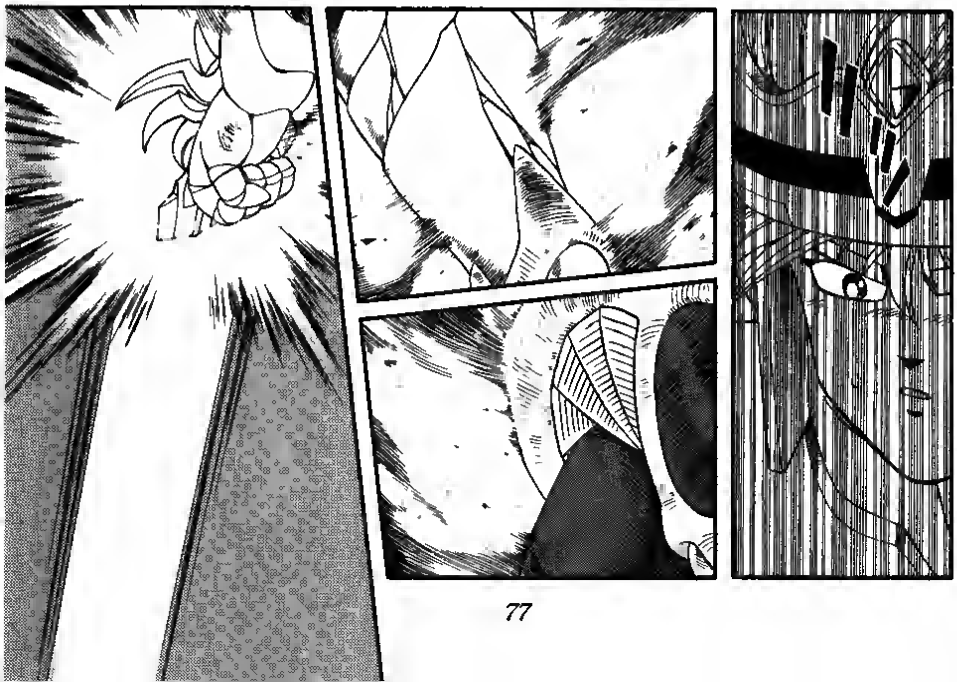

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE HIS ENDURANCE AND TENACITY -!!!
DAI !!!!


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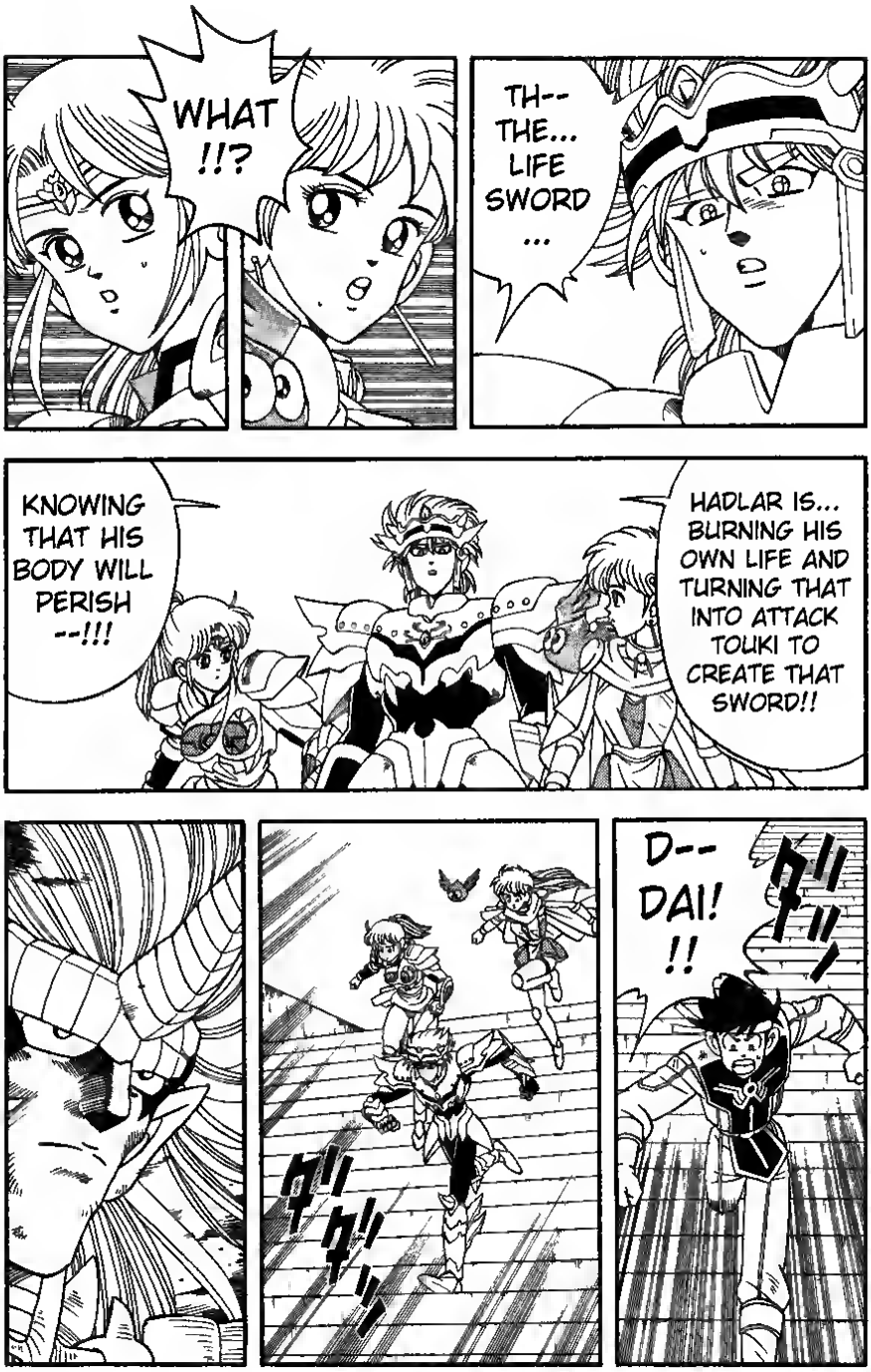

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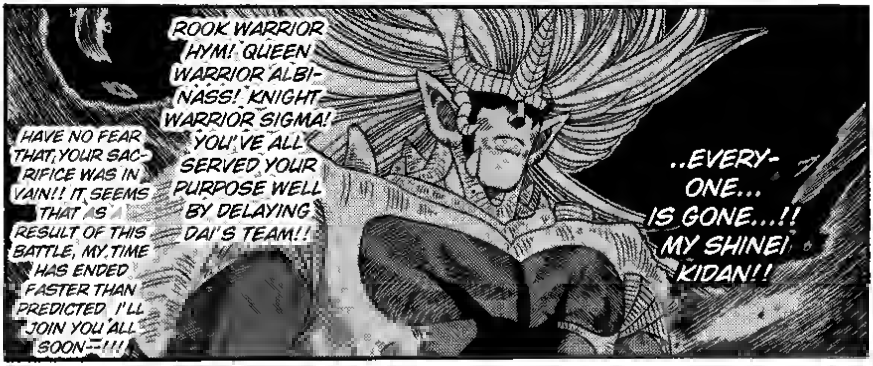

WHERE DID HE FIND THAT POWER?


I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! HADLAR SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TOUKI LEFT IN HIS BODY...!
AND HE'S NOT USING ALL THAT HEAT ENERGY EITHER, CAUSE IT GOT BLOWN AWAY BY THAT CLASH...!!!

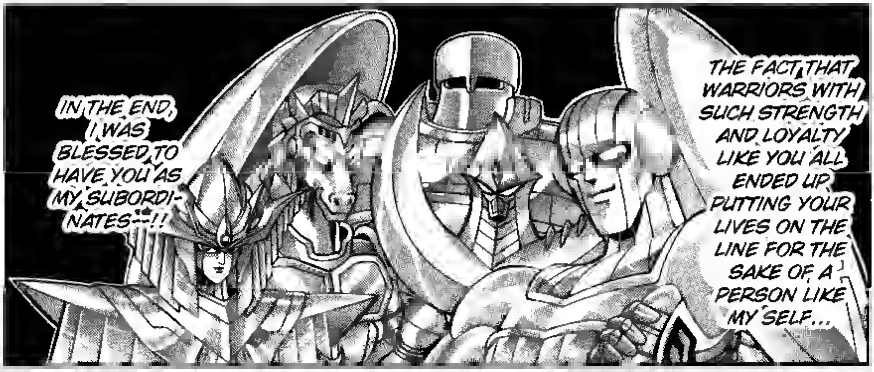



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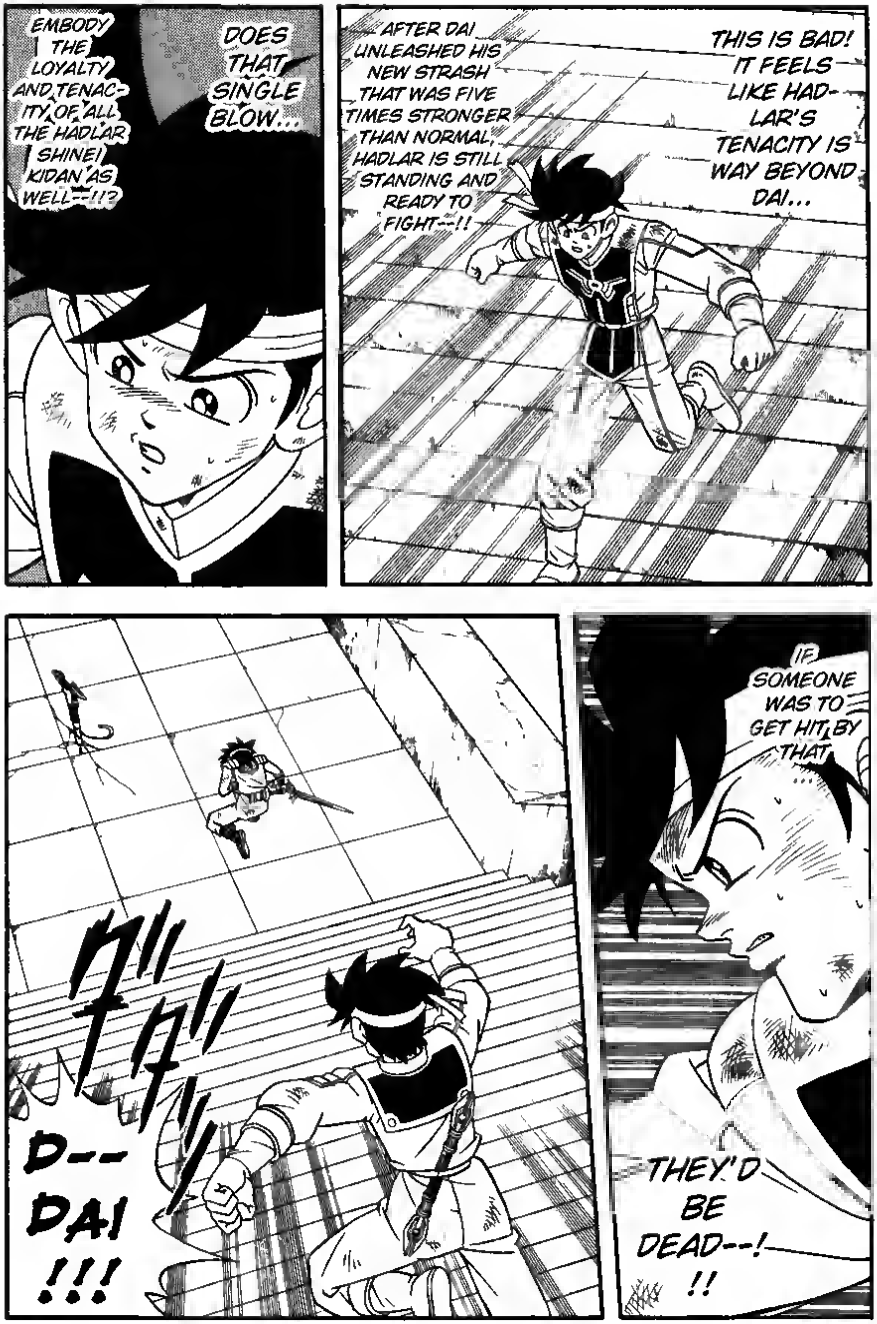

WHAT !!?
TH-- THE... LIFE SWORD ...
KNOWING THAT HIS BODY WILL PERISH --!!!
HADLAR IS... BURNING HIS OWN LIFE AND TURNING THAT INTO ATTACK TOUKI TO CREATE THAT SWORD!!
D-- DAI! !!
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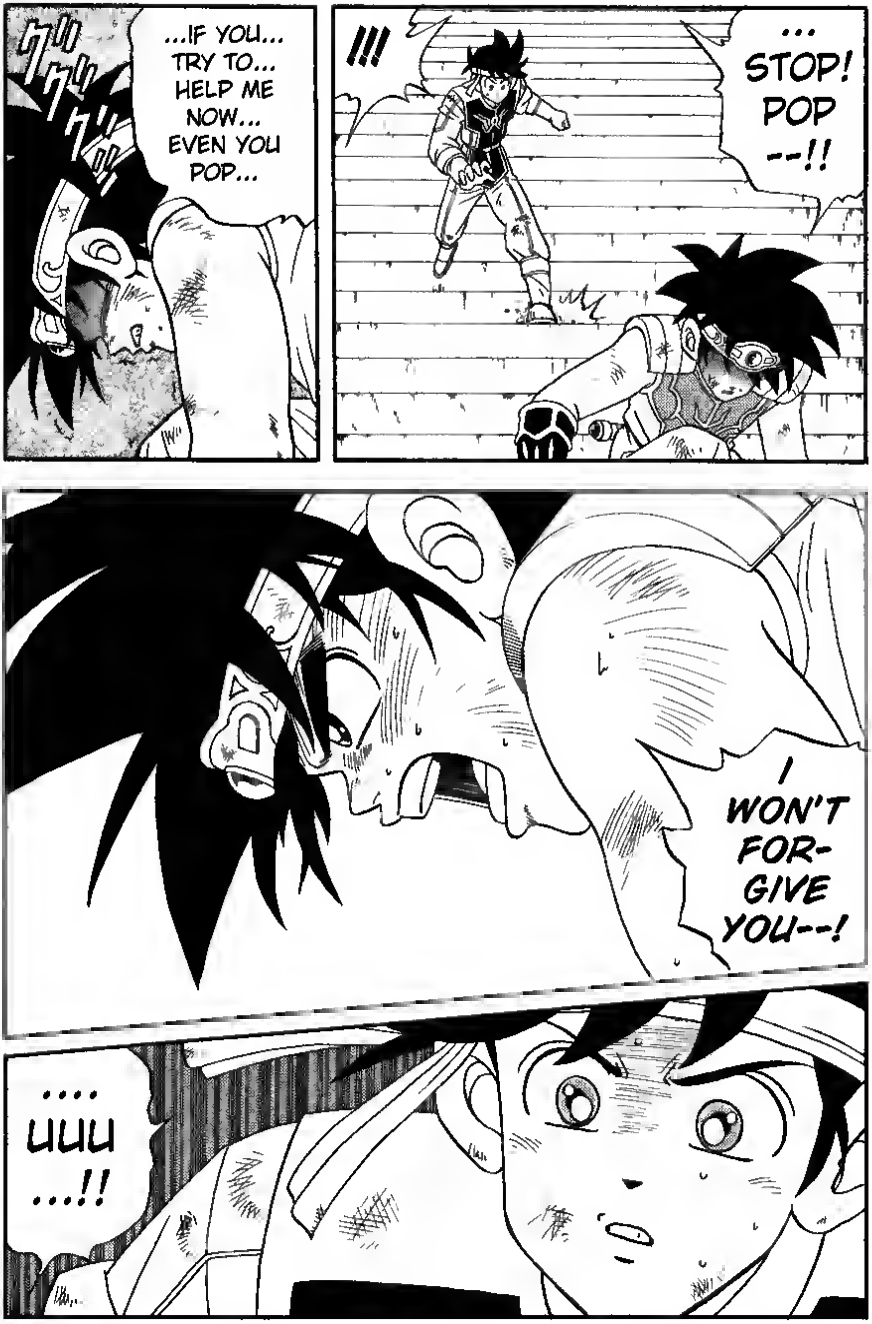

ROOK WARRIOR HYM! QUEEN WARRIOR ALBINASS! KNIGHT WARRIOR SIGMA! YOU'VE ALL SERVED YOUR PURPOSE WELL BY DELAYING DAI'S TEAM!!
HAVE NO FEAR THAT YOUR SACRIFICE WAS IN VAIN!! IT SEEMS THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS BATTLE, MY TIME HAS ENDED FASTER THAN PREDICTED. I'LL JOIN YOU ALL SOON--!!!
..EVERYONE... IS GONE...!! MY SHINEI KIDAN!!


THE BLAME PARTLY FALLS ON ME... AS THE LEADER OF THE SIX CAPTAINS, I HAD NOTHING OTHER THAN AMBITION AND SELF-PRESERVATION IN MY MIND--!
IF I THINK ABOUT IT, THE SIX CAPTAINS OF THE DEMON ARMY WERE THE STRONGEST OF ALL THE FORCES OF EVIL; YET NOT ONE OF US COULD DEFEAT DAI...


IN THE END, I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE YOU AS MY SUBORDINATES--!!
THE FACT THAT WARRIORS WITH SUCH STRENGTH AND LOYALTY LIKE YOU ALL ENDED UP PUTTING YOUR LIVES ON THE LINE FOR THE SAKE OF A PERSON LIKE MYSELF...


I WILL ANSWER YOUR LOYALTY WITH THIS BLOW!!!!
LET'S GO!!!


DOES THAT SINGLE BLOW...
EMBODY THE LOYALTY AND TENACITY OF ALL THE HADLAR SHINEI KIDAN AS WELL--!!?
THIS IS BAD! IT FEELS LIKE HADLAR'S TENACITY IS WAY BEYOND DAI...
AFTER DAI UNLEASHED HIS NEW STRASH THAT WAS FIVE TIMES STRONGER THAN NORMAL, HADLAR IS STILL STANDING AND READY TO FIGHT--!!
IF SOMEONE WAS TO GET HIT BY THAT...
THEY'D BE DEAD--!!
D-- DAI !!!


...IF YOU... TRY TO... HELP ME NOW... EVEN YOU POP...
!!!
... STOP! POP --!!
I WON'T FOR-GIVE YOU--!
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AVAN・STRASH X



◀▲ THE POWER OF AVAN STRASH CROSS IS FIVE TIMES THE REGULAR STRASH. IT IS INDEED THE ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE

THIS IS THE NEW AVAN STRASH THAT DAI INVENTED THROUGH HIS IMAGINATION AND TRAINING. IT WORKS BY COMBINING THE ARROW TYPE (LONG-RANGE ATTACK) AND BREAL TYPE (SHORT-RANGE ATTACK) TO DRAW AN X AT THE MOMENT OF IMPACT. IT IS AN AMAZING ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE!

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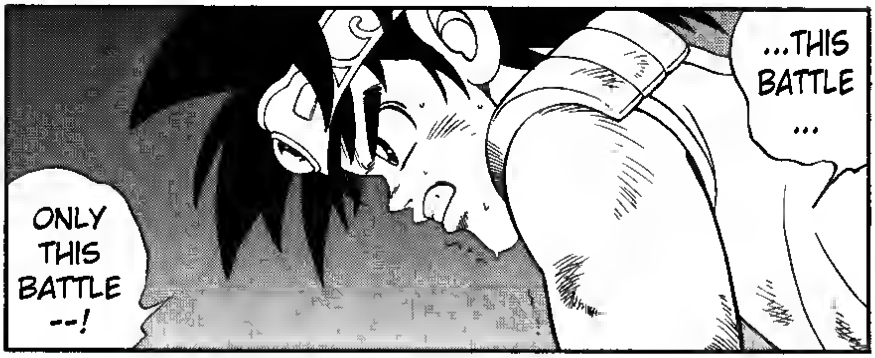


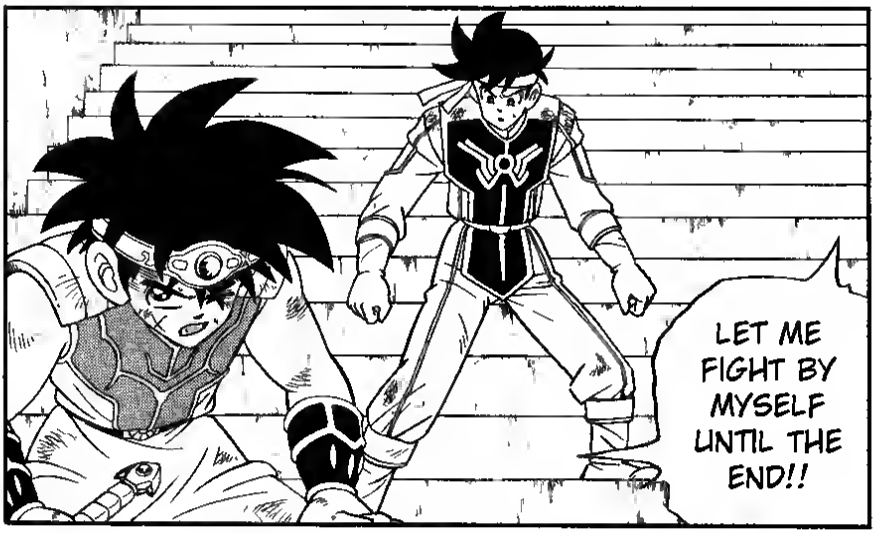
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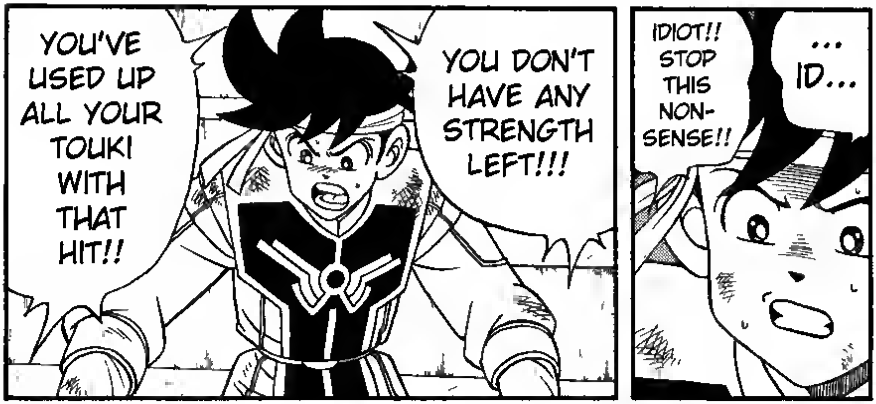
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THE FINAL BLOW!!!


... AND LOOK!!
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IN THAT BLOW... IS HIS TENACITY AND THE CONVICTION OF THE SHINE! KIDAN--!! IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN BEAT WITH A HALF-ASSED ATTACK!!!
HADLAR IS BURNING WHATEVER'S LEFT OF HIS LIFE ENERGY TO DEAL THE FINAL BLOW!!
LET US TAKE CARE OF IT INSTEAD DAI!!!
SO LET'S STOP!!
AND YOU CAN'T EVEN DO THAT STRASH CROSS WITH YOUR TOUKI GONE!!!
I HAVE OTHERS TOO!
...BESIDES... IT'S NOT JUST HUDLER WHO IS CARRYING THE HEARTS OF OTHERS TO FIGHT...!!
AVAN-SENSEI, JII-CHAN, ALL THE KINGS OF THIS WORLD... FATHER--!!
... WHAT !!?
ONE MORE ATTACK I WANT TO TRY...!!
... STILL... ONE MORE ...


...I CAN'T LOSE !!

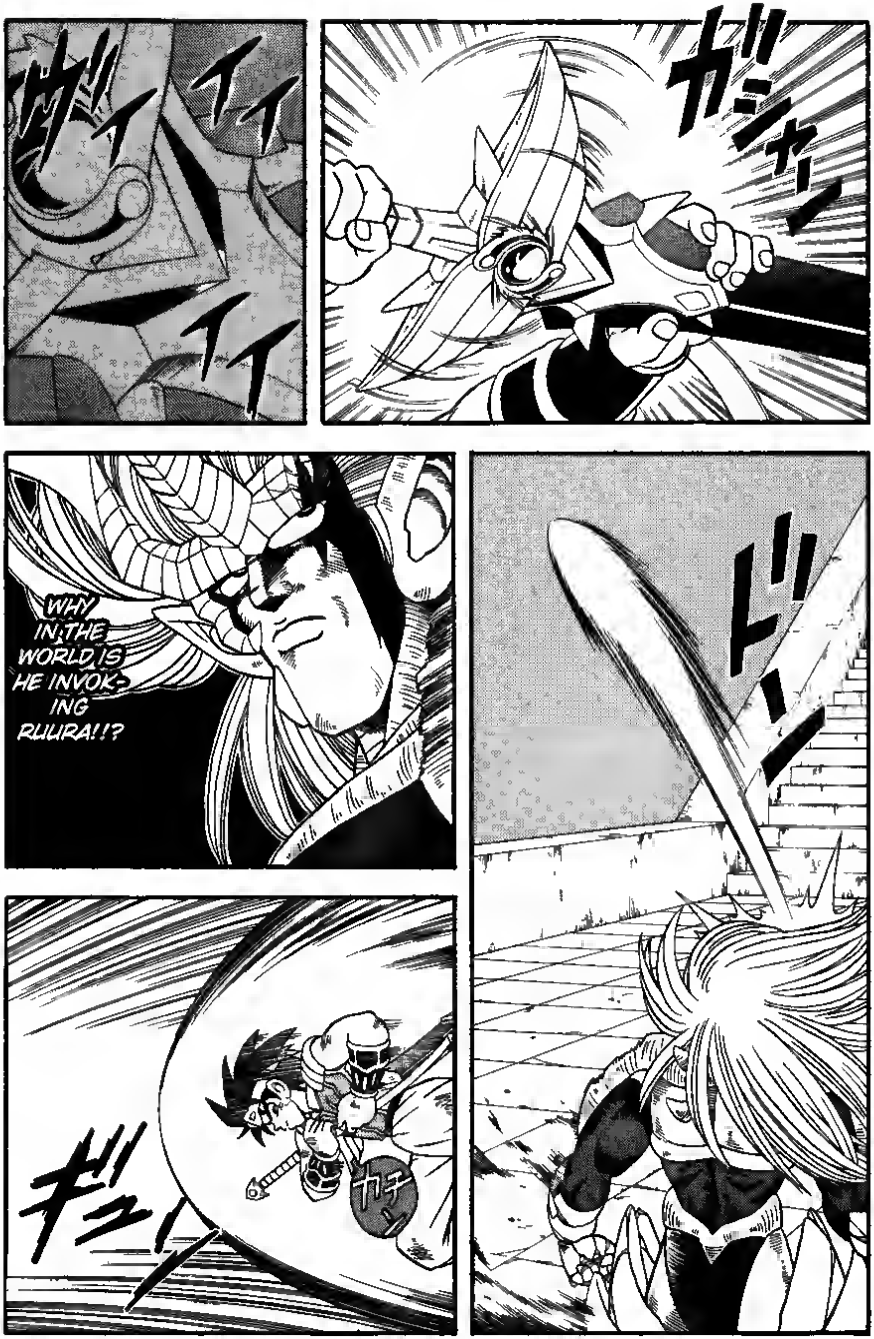

I CANNOT LOSE TO HADLAR NOW!!!
TO PROVE THAT THEIR HEARTS ARE STRONG --!!


EDITOR NOTE: DON'T ASK
WHY DIDN'T I BELIEVE IN A BIG GUY LIKE THAT!!?
...I-I'M STILL JUST A LITTLE GUY...
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WITH YOUR TOUKI RUNNING SO LOW --!!?
BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW!!?
IS ADMIRABLE!!
...THAT DETERMINATION!!


THIS
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HOWEVER, RAIDEIN STRASH IS NOWHERE NEAR THE POWER OF THAT NEW ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE--!!!
...YOU'RE COVERING YOUR LACK OF TOUKI WITH A SPELL...
R--RAI-DEIN!!!
MAGIC SWORD!
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THAT'S RIGHT--!! HE STILL GOT THAT NEW SCAB-BARD--!!!
!!!
WHY'D YOU PUT AWAY YOUR SWORD --!!?
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BUT IF I USE THIS SCAB-BARD, I CAN INCREASE THE POWER OF A MAGIC SWORD!!
THIS SWORD CANNOT GET ANY STRON-GER...
...THIS SCAB-BARD... IS A NEW "WEAPON" BY LON BERK-SAN!!
IN THAT CASE, THERE'S ONLY 1 ATTACK HE HAS THAT HE CAN USE--!!!
...SO THEN... IN THIS CASE, HE INVOKED RAIDEIN, THUS THE FINAL POWER OF HIS MAGIC SWORD WILL BE GIGA-DEIN...
THE SPELL IS INCRE-ASED TO THE MAX LEVEL!!!
AND WHEN I DRAW THAT SWORD AGAIN...
WH-- WHAT !!?
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IF I CAN CREATE A MAGIC SWORD AND PUT IT INSIDE THIS SCABBARD, RESONANCE WILL CAUSE THE SPELL LEVEL TO INCREASE INSIDE--!


WHY IN THE WORLD IS HE INVOK-ING RUURA!!?


WH-- WHY DID DAI DISTANCE HIMSELF --!!?
SO DAI-KUN'S BUYING TIME--!!
IT TAKES ABOUT 10 SECONDS TO COMPLETE THE AMPLIFICATION!
WHAT !!?
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON !!!
...HE KNOWS THE TRUE POWER OF HIS NEXT BLOW!!
SO HE MOVED AWAY SO THAT WE DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE CROSS FIRE--!!!


USE WHATEVER YOU WANT AND BLOW HIM UP!!!
WHATEVER IT IS!!
I'LL BELIEVE IN YOUR POWER THAT CAUSED SO MANY MIRACLES!!!
D--DAI--!!! I WON'T STOP YOU!!!
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HOWEVER, IT'S EASY TO STOP NOW--!!
...THE ATTACK HE USED AGAINST ME IN OUR LAST BATTLE... THE LEGACY LEFT BY HIS FATHER... THE GIGA BREAK!!
...IF HIS SCABBARD CAN GIVE HIM THE POWER OF GIGADEIN...! THEN THERE IS ONLY ONE ATTACK IN DAI'S ARSENAL HE WILL USE!!


NO MATTER !!!
...FU!! FUHA-HAHA! !!
MY BODY WILL PERISH AFTER THIS!!

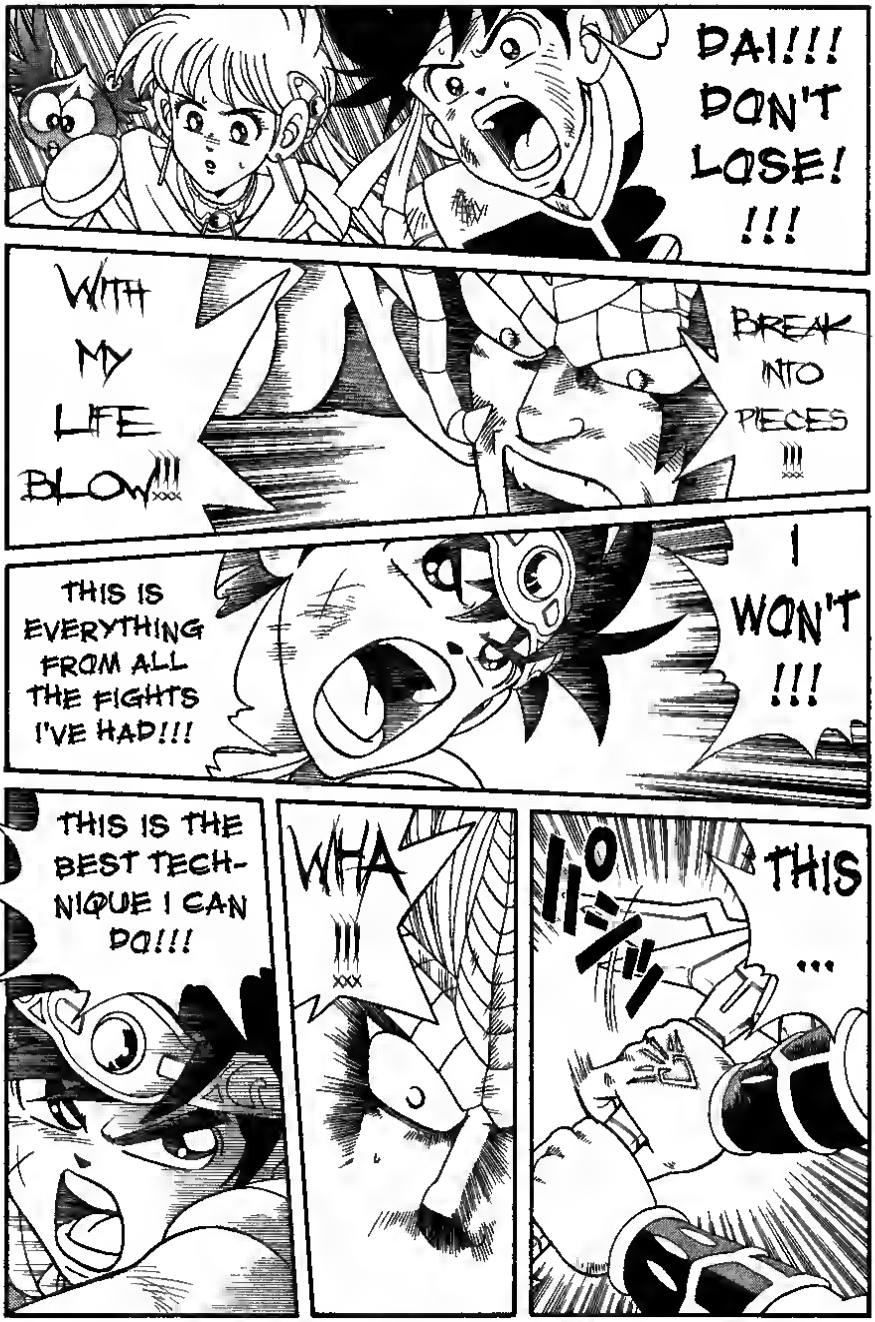

I'LL USE THE REMAINING SECONDS TO SIMPLY INCREASE MY POWER TO THE MAX!!!
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HERE I COME !!!!
...I KNEW IT!! THEN LET ME RESPOND WITH MY BEST TECH-NIQUE!!
THE CHOUMA BAKUENHA WITH MY ENTIRE LIFE ENERGY!!!


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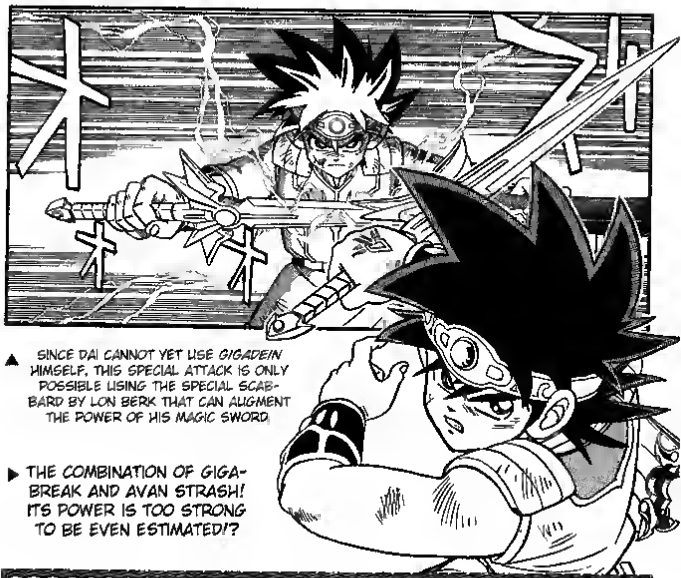

DAI!!! DON'T LOSE! !!!
WITH MY LIFE BLOW!!!
BREAK INTO PIECES !!!
THIS IS EVERYTHING FROM ALL THE FIGHTS I'VE HAD!!!
I WON'T !!!
THIS IS THE BEST TECHNIQUE I CAN DO!!!
WHA !!!
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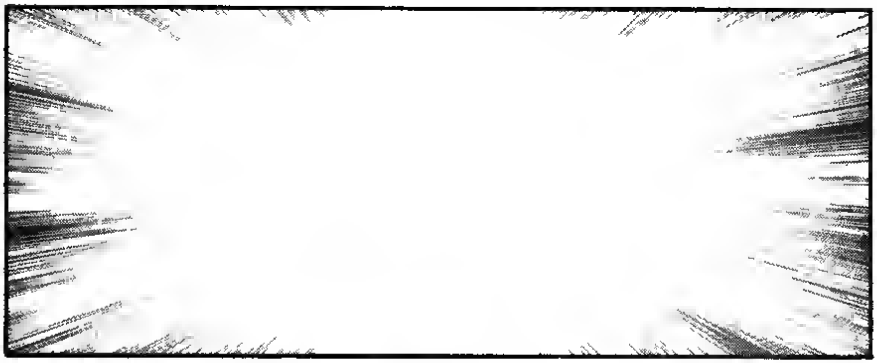


▲ SINCE DAI CANNOT YET USE *GIGADEIN* HIMSELF, THIS SPECIAL ATTACK IS ONLY POSSIBLE USING THE SPECIAL SCABBARD BY LON BERK THAT CAN AUGMENT THE POWER OF HIS MAGIC SWORD.

▶ THE COMBINATION OF GIGA-BREAK AND AVAN STRASH! ITS POWER IS TOO STRONG TO BE EVEN ESTIMATED!?

GIGA-STRASH COULD BE CALLED DAI'S ULTIMATE SPECIAL ATTACK! THIS TECHNIQUE COMBINES THE STRENGTH OF HIS FATHER'S GIGA BREAK AND HIS SENSEI'S AVAN STRASH. THIS IS THE FINAL BLOW THAT CONTAINS ALL OF DAI'S ENERGY!!!

THE END OF THE BATTLE...!?

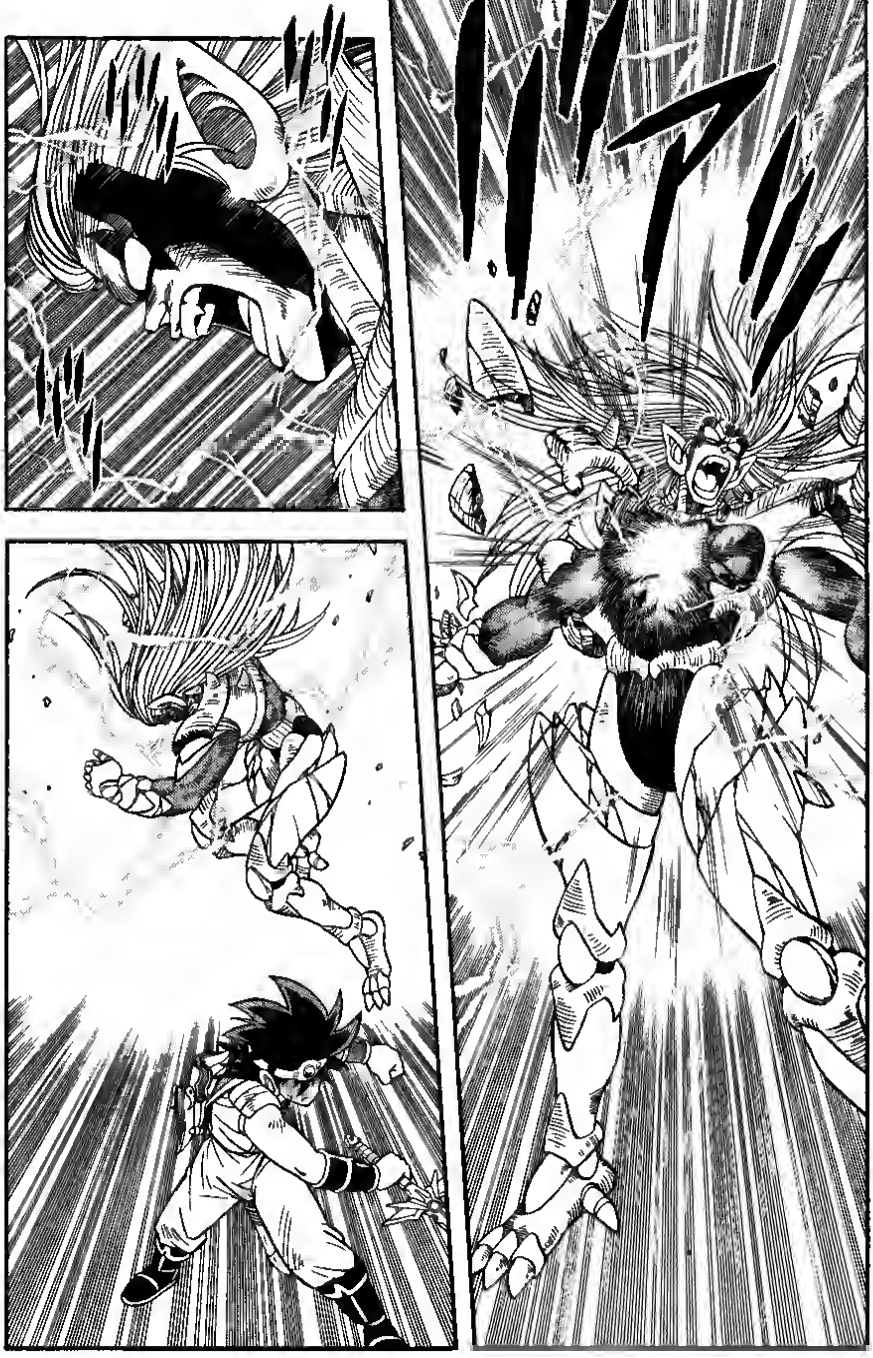


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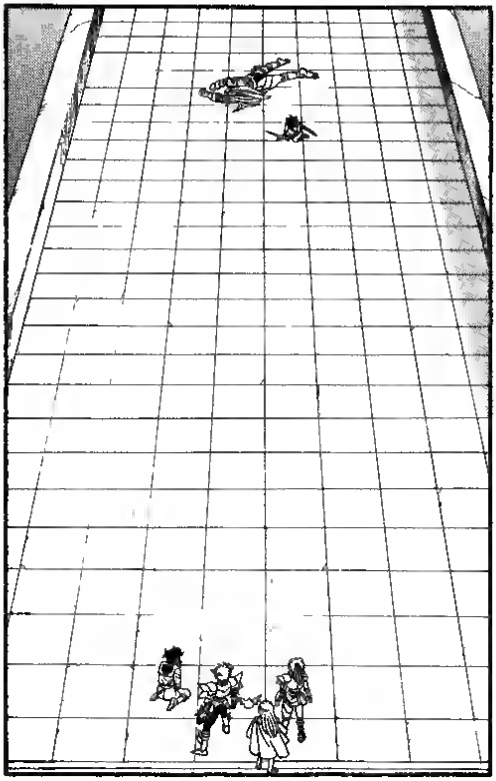


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I-- IMPRES-SIVE !!!
...THE GIGA STRASH ...!!!
I AM... COM-PLETELY'''' DEFEATED!!!!!


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HE... HE WON --!!!

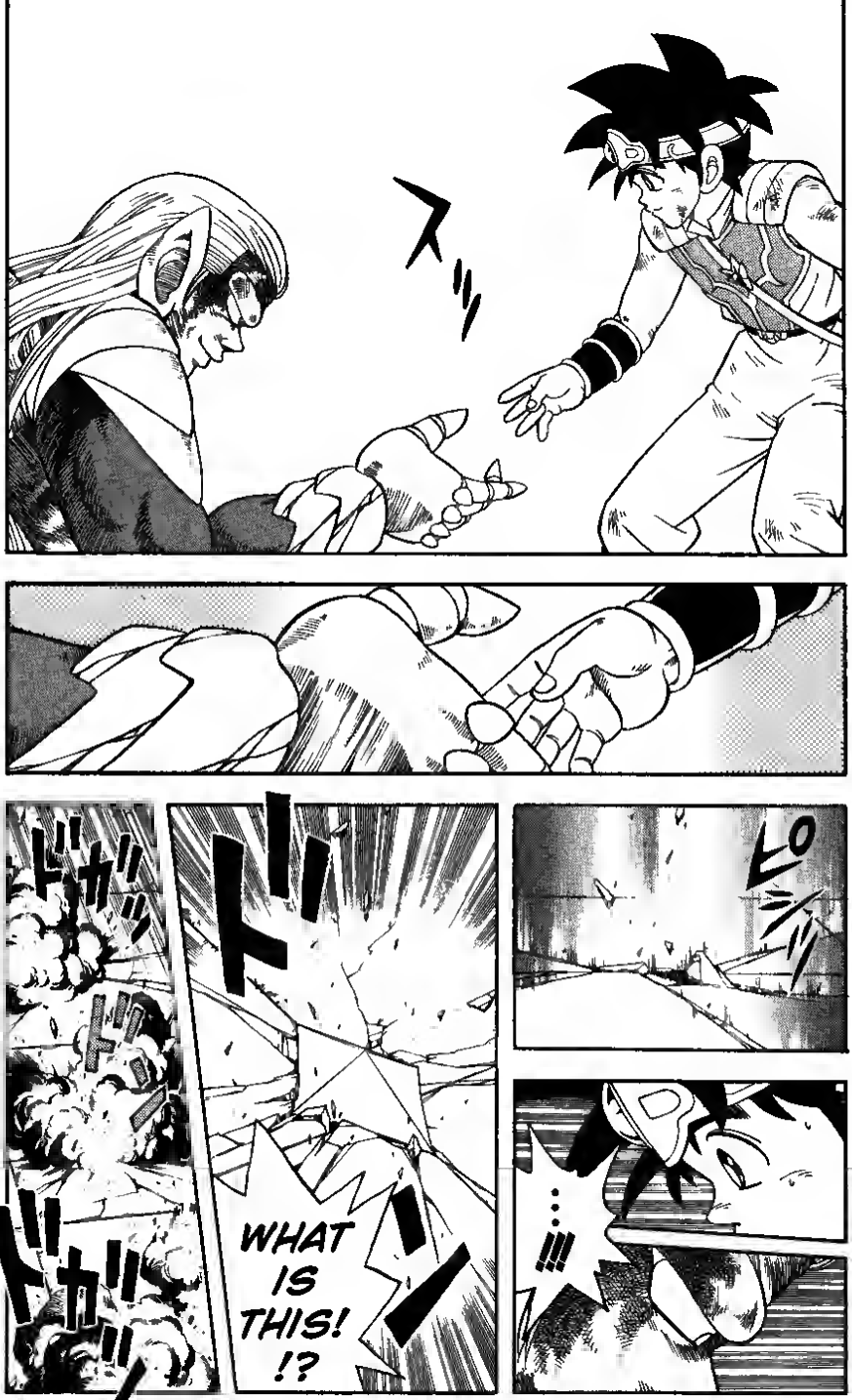

HE... REALLY WON... DAI...!
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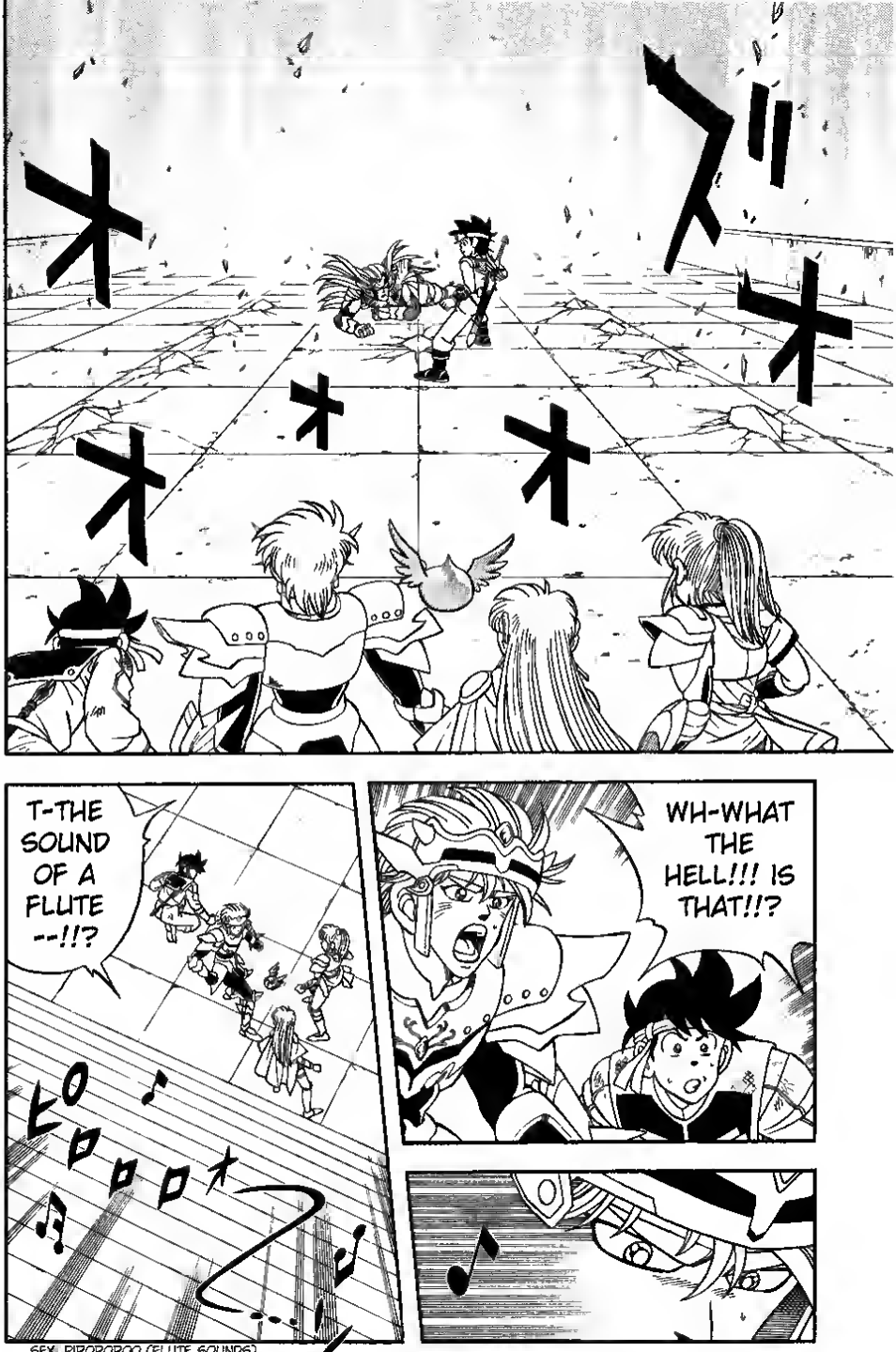

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... ALBI-NASS... I NOW UNDER-STAND...!
I NOW UNDER-STAND WHY YOU WERE WILLING TO RISK YOUR LIFE TO PREVENT THIS VIEW...!!
... THIS... IS THE END OF HADLAR ...!
LIKE THE HYPER DEMON ZAMZA... HE IS GOING BE REDUCED TO ASHES AND SCATTERED--!!


I LOST TO AVAN, AND NOW I LOST TO YOU...
I LOST... I LOST AGAIN ...
...H... HAD-LAR ...
...FU... DON'T SAY A WORD DAI
FUFU... I CAN'T BEAT THAT...
AVAN'S SKILL... AND BARAN'S POWER ...
BUT I'M SATIS-FIED
...JUST NOW ...!!?
COMBINING THE GIGA BREAK AND THE AVAN STRASH... IS THAT ALSO SOMETHING THAT CAME OUT OF YOUR TRAINING?
... NO... I JUST MADE IT UP


.....
SO JUST NOW, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I TRIED TO COMBINE THE TWO
...I FELT LIKE I COULDN'T DEFEAT YOU WITHOUT USING BOTH MY FATHER'S AND SENSEI'S POWER...
AND I WAS TRYING TO BEAT SOMEBODY LIKE THAT...!!!
YOU JUST INVENTED THE ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE AT THE LAST MINUTE...!?
FU... HAHA HAHA!!
ALTHOUGH BRIEF, IT WAS WELL WORTH IT...
...I HAVE NO REGRETS... IN FACT, I'M APPRECIATIVE BECAUSE I ONLY REALLY STARTED TO LIVE MY LIFE AFTER I HAD BEEN MADE TO FALL BY YOUR HANDS
... HADLAR


DAI, THE HERO --!
.....GOOD-BYE
BEFORE I CRUMBLE INTO ASHES ...!!
...LISTEN... TO A DYING MAN'S LAST WISH. LET ME SHAKE THE HAND THAT DEFEATED ME...
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SFX: PIRORORO (FLUTE SOUNDS)

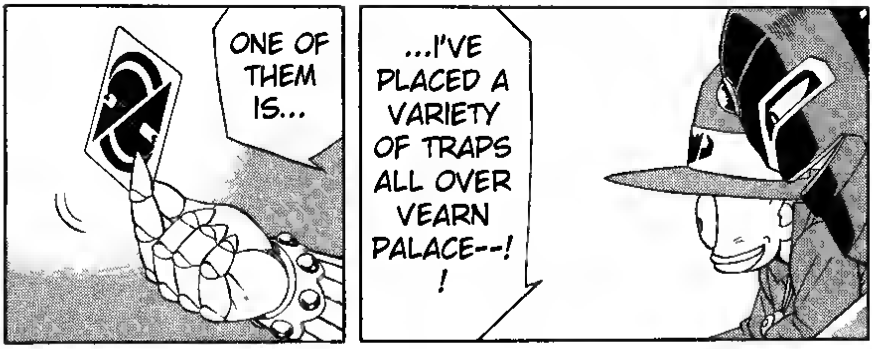

...FUFU FU... I HOPE YOU LIKE IT...
THIS IS A REQUIEM. I DEDI-CATE IT TO...
KILL-VEARN !!!

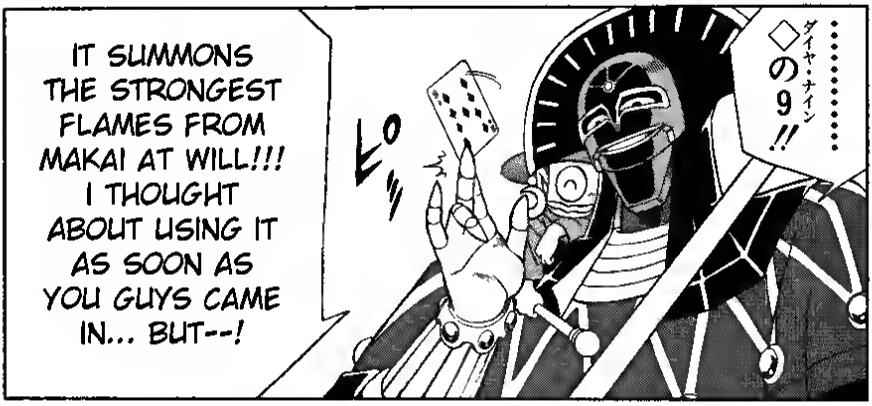

THOSE TWO WHO SHOWED US A GREAT SPECTACLE BY HOLDING SUCH A WONDERFUL MATCH--!!
DAI!! GET OUT OF THERE!!
I-I CAN'T MOVE... I TOOK TOO MUCH DAMAGE FROM HADLAR...!!
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TOO LATE ...
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...KEH!
RE-VEAL !!!
THE FLAMES OF MAKAI !!!!
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DAI-KUN !!!


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KILL TRAP --!!?
SO COOL !!!
...UFUFU FUFU--!! WHAT DO YOU THINK? ISN'T MY "KILL TRAP" AWESOME OR WHAT--!!?

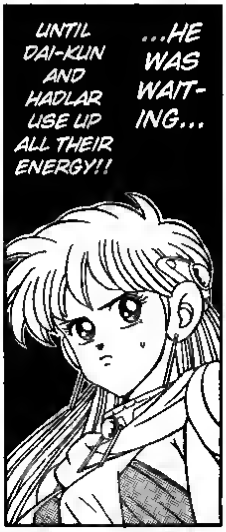

ONE OF THEM IS...
...I'VE PLACED A VARIETY OF TRAPS ALL OVER VEARN PALACE--!!


IT SUMMONS THE STRONGEST FLAMES FROM MAKAI AT WILL!!! I THOUGHT ABOUT USING IT AS SOON AS YOU GUYS CAME IN... BUT--!
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IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE --!!
IT'S NO USE, LITTLE MISS! CAN'T YOU SEE?


HOW DARE YOU TO TAINT A ONE-ON-ONE DUEL --!!!
Y-- YOU BAS-TARD!!!


QUICKLY!! GET DAI--!!!
HYUNKEL!!! WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH KILL-VEARN!!


UNTIL DAI-KUN AND HADLAR USE UP ALL THEIR ENERGY!!
...HE WAS WAIT-ING...

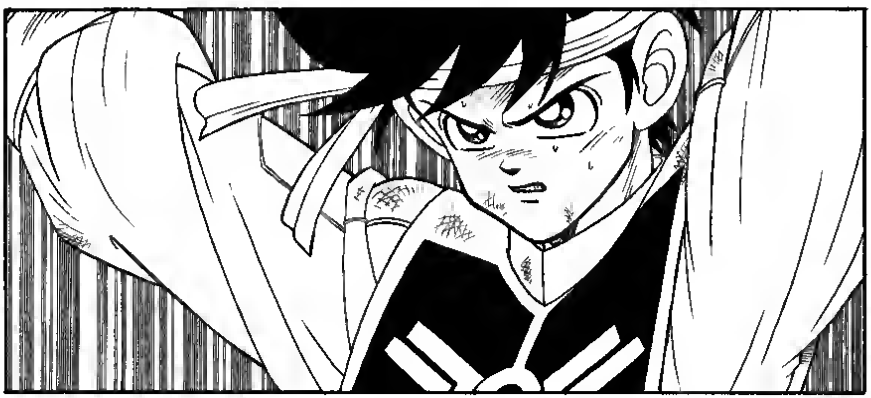

ALL LIVING THINGS WITHIN WILL BURN TO ASHES--!!
WHEN THOSE EIGHT PILLARS OF FLAME MEET AT THE CENTER
THEOSE TWO ARE ALREADY ALL BURNED TO DEATH!!!
NO AMOUNT OF POWER IS ENOUGH TO ESCAPE FROM IT--!!!
HE WAS GOING TO BECOME ASHES ANYWAY --!!
IT MUST BE HADLAR-KUN'S WISH... TO DIE WITH THE HERO!
N-NO WAY --!!!


...IT WON'T BE THAT EASY!!!
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...I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS FISHY FROM THE BEGINNING!!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANY-THING AS LONG AS I'M STILL ALIVE--!!!
...
POP!!



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HE MUST'VE JUMPED IN BEFORE THE TRAP CLOSED IN--!!
DAI'S STILL ALIVE!
D-- DON'T WORRY --!!!
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POP!! YOU ...!!!
EVEN IF I COULD TRUST HADLAR AND THE SHINE! KIDAN, THIS IS VEARN PALACE!!! I DIDN'T THINK THE DEMON ARMY WAS GONNA TO PLAY FAIR!!!
I KNEW VEARN WAS GOING TO DO SOME-THING!!!
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... CHEH ...
IT'S ALWAYS THAT BRAT ...
...IT'S HIM... POP --!!

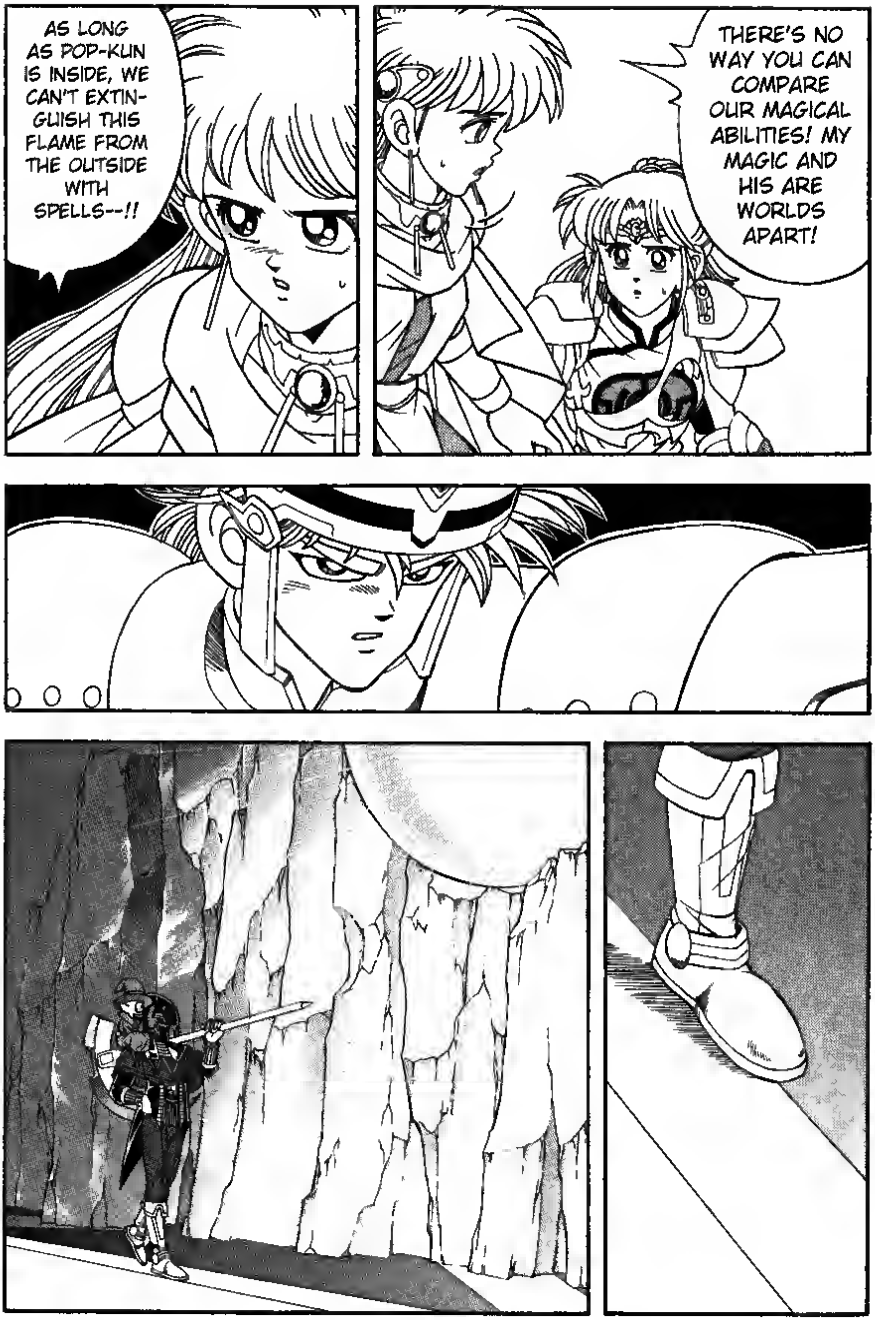

FUFU FU... OH WELL...
WHY WOULD HE DISAPPEAR IF POP PREVENTED HIS TRAP FROM WORKING--!!?
K-KILL-VEARN DISAP-PEARED!!!
!!!?
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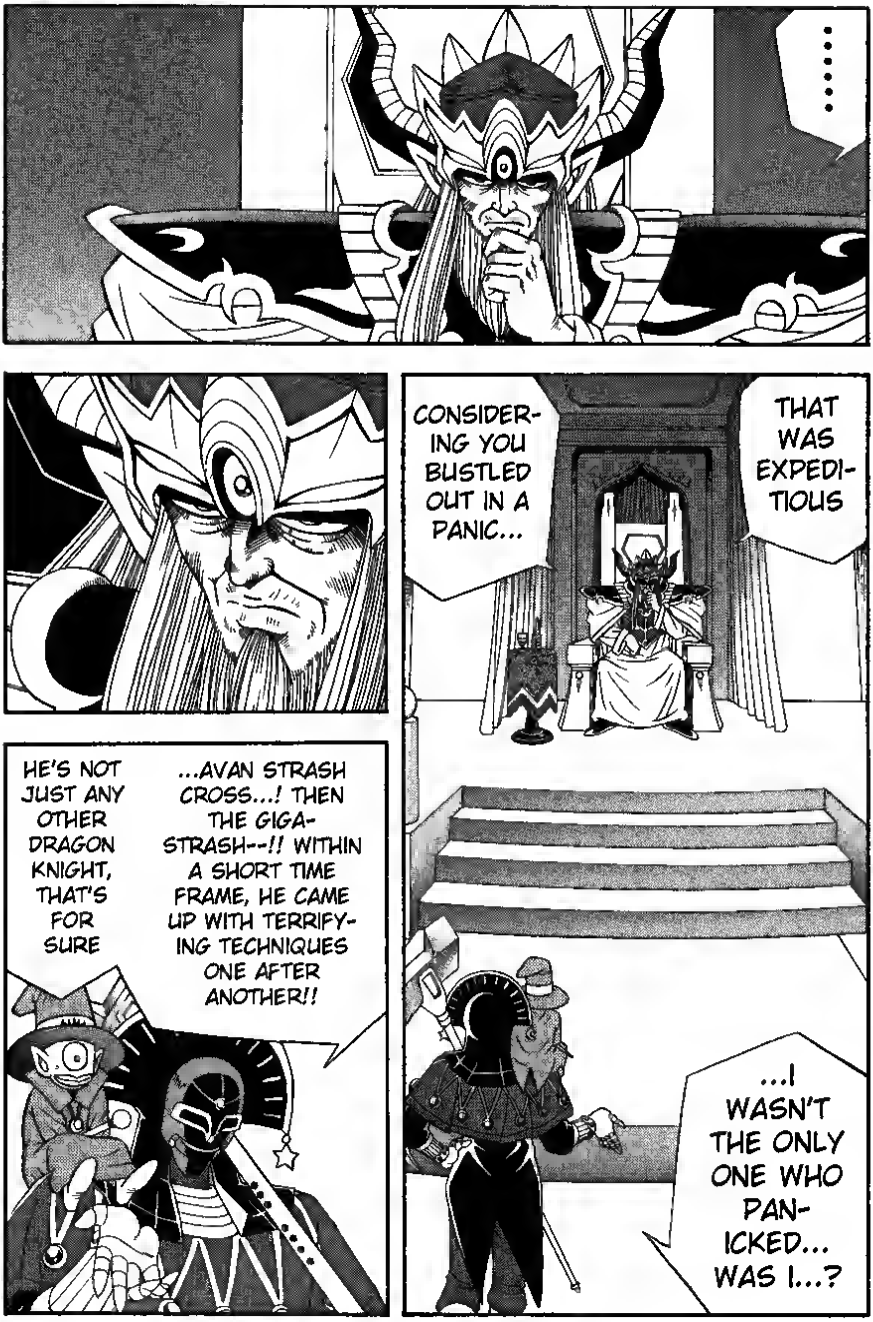


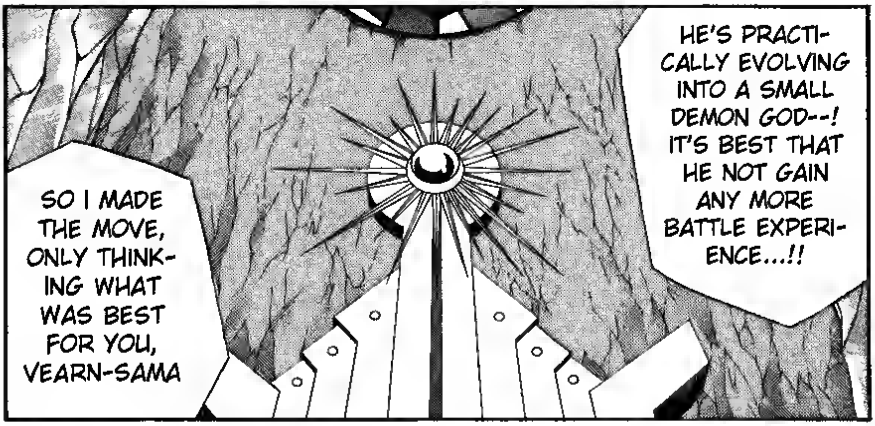
HYADARUKO - THE MID-LEVEL HYADO-TYPE SPELL.
IT DEALS ICE DAMAGE TO A GROUP OF ENEMIES OF THE SAME TYPE



EDITOR NOTE: OK... THERE'S SOMETHING WE'RD THAT THIS MANGA DOES FOR HYADO-CLASS SPELLS EVERY SO OFTEN (I'VE CAUGHT IT ATLEAST TWICE BEFORE) THEY CAST A HYADO-CLASS SPELL. THEN AFTERWARDS WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT IT, THEY DON'T SAY THE NAME OF THE SPELL THEY HAVE JUST CAST. INSTEAD THEY SAY "HYADO-CLASS SPELL". LEONA HERE DOES THIS. BUT IN MARIA'S LINE, MARIA SAYS THE NAME OF THE SPELL. I JUST NOW NOTICED THAT BOTH KANJIS ARE THE SAME. BUT IN MARIA'S LINE, THE FURIGANA SAYS HYADARUKO, AND LEONA'S LINE HAS THE FURIGANA SAYING "HYADO-CLASS SPELL." THE DIRECT KANJI TL IS ONLY "ICE CLASS SPELL" SINCE I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING BACK AND LOOKING UP THE KANJI FOR THOSE OTHER 2 INSTANCES... I'LL END THIS NOTE HERE.


AS LONG AS POP-KUN IS INSIDE, WE CAN'T EXTINGUISH THIS FLAME FROM THE OUTSIDE WITH SPELLS--!!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN COMPARE OUR MAGICAL ABILITIES! MY MAGIC AND HIS ARE WORLDS APART!

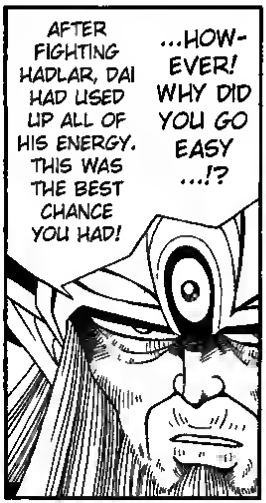

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THAT WAS EXPEDI-TIOUS
CONSIDER-ING YOU BUSTLED OUT IN A PANIC...
...I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO PAN-ICKED... WAS I...?
...AVAN STRASH CROSS...! THEN THE GIGA-STRASH--!! WITHIN A SHORT TIME FRAME, HE CAME UP WITH TERRIFY-ING TECHNIQUES ONE AFTER ANOTHER!!
HE'S NOT JUST ANY OTHER DRAGON KNIGHT, THAT'S FOR SURE


SO I MADE THE MOVE, ONLY THINKING WHAT WAS BEST FOR YOU, VEARN-SAMA
HE'S PRACTICALLY EVOLVING INTO A SMALL DEMON GOD--! IT'S BEST THAT HE NOT GAIN ANY MORE BATTLE EXPERIENCE...!!


...I WILL NOT PUNISH YOUR BEHAVIOR


I APOLOGIZE ...
IT'S SIMPLY A MANIFESTATION OF MY LOYALTY...


...GO EASY ...?


AFTER FIGHTING HADLAR, DAI HAD USED UP ALL OF HIS ENERGY. THIS WAS THE BEST CHANCE YOU HAD!
...HOWEVER! WHY DID YOU GO EASY ...!?


EVEN BY ASSASSINATION ...
HE IS NOT SOMEBODY THAT I WOULD LOSE TO IN A BATTLE, YET IT IS TRUE THAT I WAS AMAZED BY DAI'S POWER. IF HE IS KILLED NOW, THEN IT IS ALL FOR THE BEST


ALL THE KILL TRAPS IN THIS VEARN PALACE...
...KUKU KU ...!
FORGIVE MY RUDENESS, VEARN-SAMA, BUT I BELIEVE YOU ARE UNDERESTI-MATING MY KILL TRAPS...!!
CAN ALL DEVAS-TATE THE INCOMING ENEMY...!
EVEN THE LITTLE ONES LIKE THE TWO OF CLUBS, OR THE THREE OF HEARTS
THEY WILL NEVER BREAK IT!! DAI WILL CERTAINLY DIE!!
BUT AMONG ALL THESE, THE 9 OF DIAMONDS IS MY MASTER-PIECE--!!
...SO YOU CONCLUDED YOU HAD ALREADY WON AND RETURNED...
DIE!! DIE!! BURN!!
IN ADDITION, THAT OTHER BRAT ALSO GOT INTO THE TRAP. IT CAN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THAT


I WANTED TO WATCH THEIR STRUGGLE AND DESPAIR WITH YOU, VEARN-SAMA--!
...THAT'S RIGHT!!
.....
FOR THEM IT'S MORE SERIOUS THAN THE DEMON SPECIES BECAUSE THEIR LIFE SPAN IS SO SHORT...!
IT'S GONNA TO BE VERY FUNNY. THE EXPRESSION ON A HUMANS FACE WHEN HE'S ABOUT TO DIE--!!
DESPAIR! SUFFER-ING!
AN EXPRES-SION FILLED WITH SORROW --!!!
IN FRONT OF THEIR EYES, THEIR FRIENDS ARE SLOWLY BURNING TO DEATH, YET THEY CAN'T DO A THING--!!
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO WATCH IT!!?
THAT'S WHEN THEIR FACES WILL SHOW...

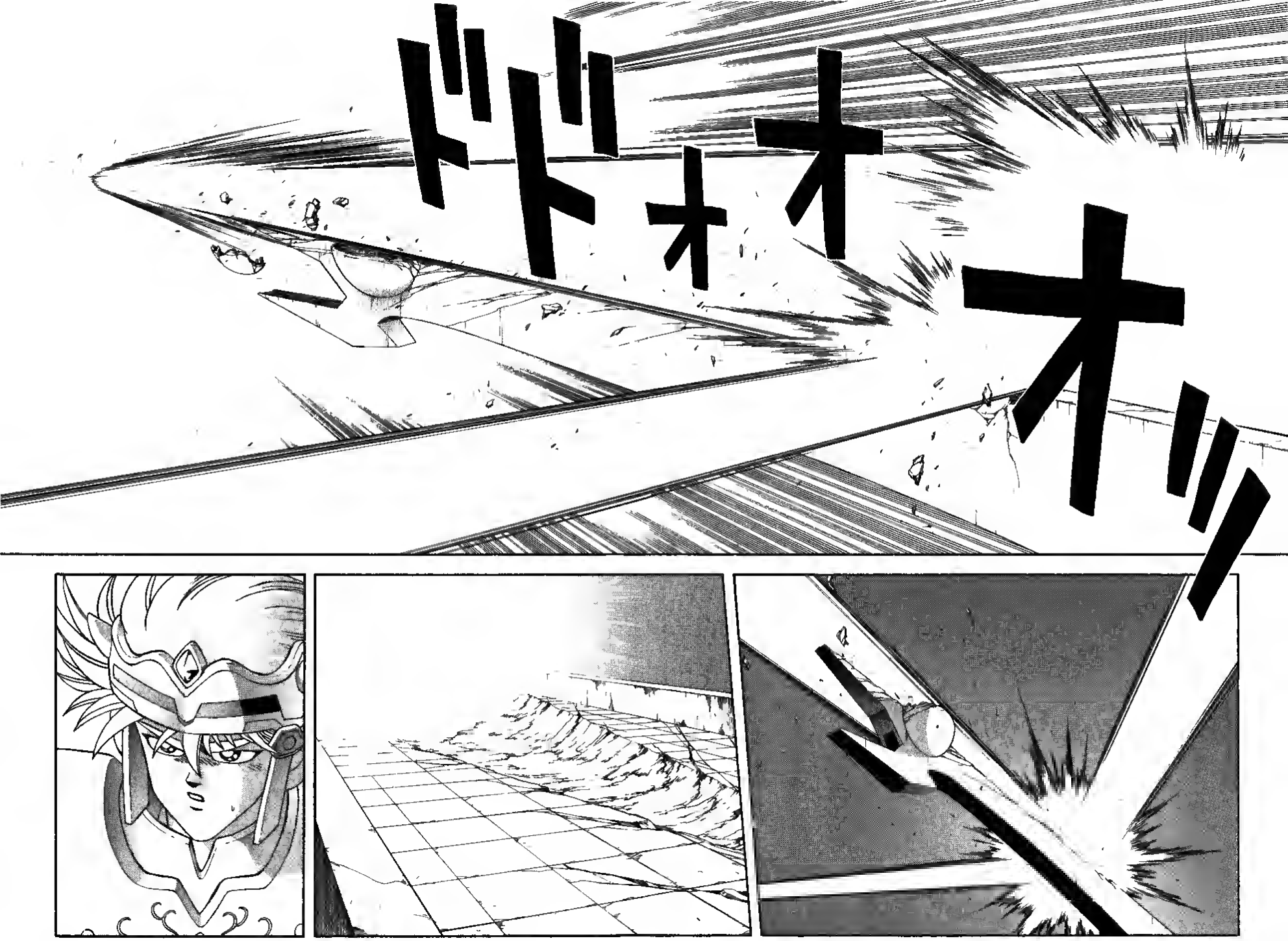

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DAI --!
POP !!
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BOTH OF YOU!!!
...MOVE OUTTA THE WAY!!!
AT THIS RATE, BOTH OF THEM'LL BE...!!!
ISN'T THERE... ANY WAY TO HELP THEM--!?

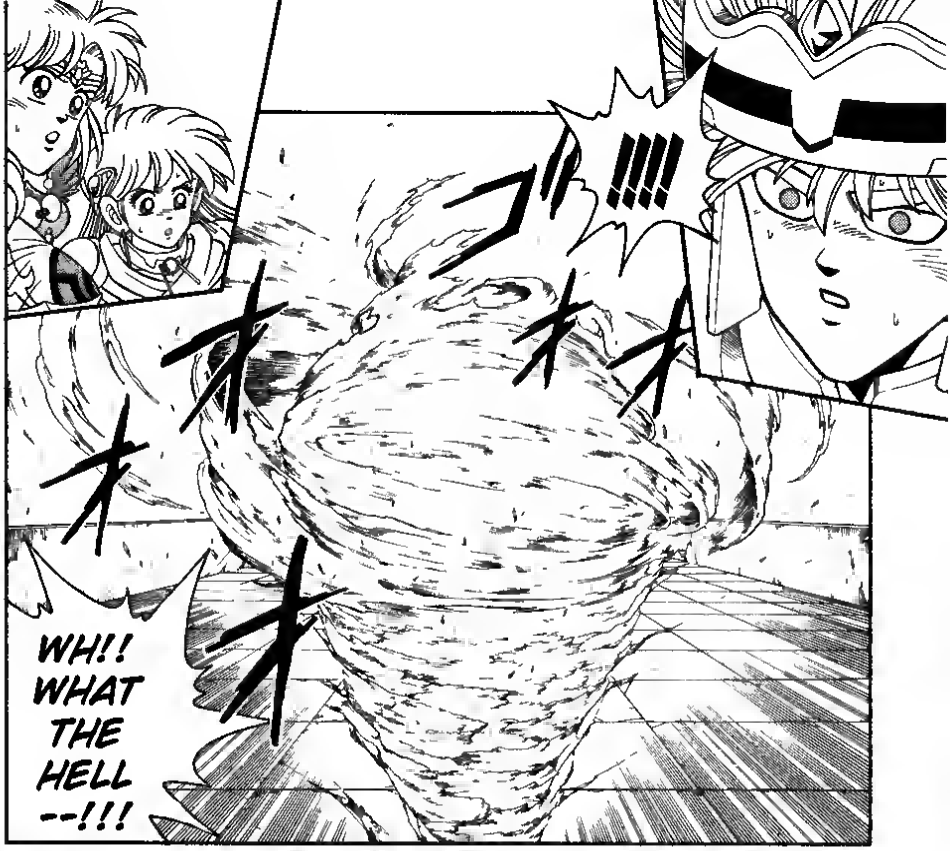

HAVING SAID THAT, THERE'S NO ATTACK THAT MATCHES THE GRAND CROSS IN THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY --!!!
THE ONLY WAY IS TO BLOW IT AWAY WITH THE STRONGEST ATTACK!!!
...THIS TRAP WON'T BE BROKEN BY ANY NORMAL MEANS!!!
T-THE GRAND CROSS --!!?


POP!! HYUNKEL'S ABOUT TO USE THE GRAND CROSS!!!
GET READY FOR IT --!!!
GHEH!!
GET READY!? HOW THE HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO GET READY FOR IT!!?
IT'S COMING POP!!
BE PREPARED TO TAKE SOME DAMAGE!!!


GRAND
CROSS
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WH!! WHAT THE HELL --!!!

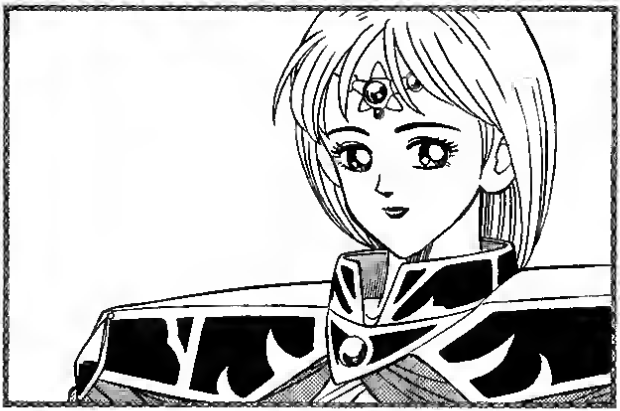

THEN THE REAL REASON WHY THAT BASTARD SHINIGAMI KILL-VEARN RETREATED WAS BECAUSE--!?
WAIT A MINUTE!! IF THIS TRAP CAN (WITH-) STAND EVEN MY GRAND CROSS--! !!


H-- HYUN-KEL --!!!
I-IT JUST DIS-PELLED MY GRAND CROSS LIKE IT WAS NOTHING--! !!
UN-- UNBE-LIEV-ABLE!!!


NOTH-ING'S CHANGED HERE! !!
H-HEY!!! WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON!!?


...YOU MUST BE NUMBER ONE IN MAKAI...
...SEE !?
DON'T THEY MAKE GREAT FACES, THOSE HUMANS --!!?
...I CANNOT SURPASS YOU IN CRUELTY ...

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女王 フローラ FLORA

QUEEN

- AGE: 29
- COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: THE KINGDOM OF CARL
- FAMILY: NONE (SHE SUCCEEDED HER FATHER AND BECAME A QUEEN.)
- SPELLS: FIRE SPELLS, HEALING SPELLS, RIREMITO (A SPELL THAT ALLOWS THE PARTY TO EXIT A DUNGEON), ETC.
- EXPERTISE. ABLE TO USE ALL KINDS OF WEAPON, SUCH AS SWORDS AND WHIPS.

FLORA IS THE LEADER OF THE KINGDOM OF CARL, WHICH WAS ONCE DESTROYED BY THE DEMON ARMY. SHE ESCAPED WITH A HANDFUL OF SOLDIERS, AND SHE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO FIGHT BACK. CURRENTLY SHE OCCUPIES A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE DAI'S PARTY.

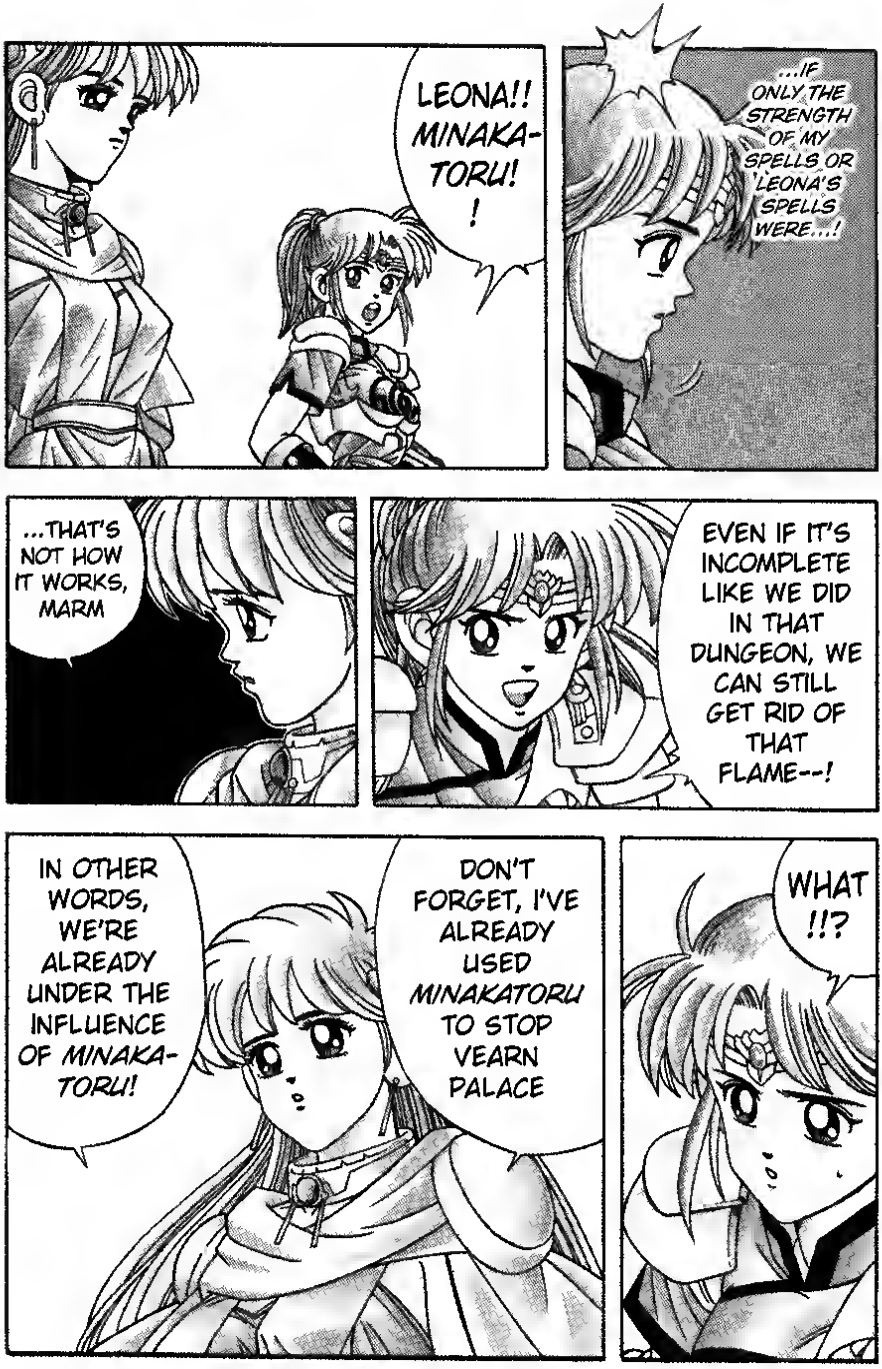
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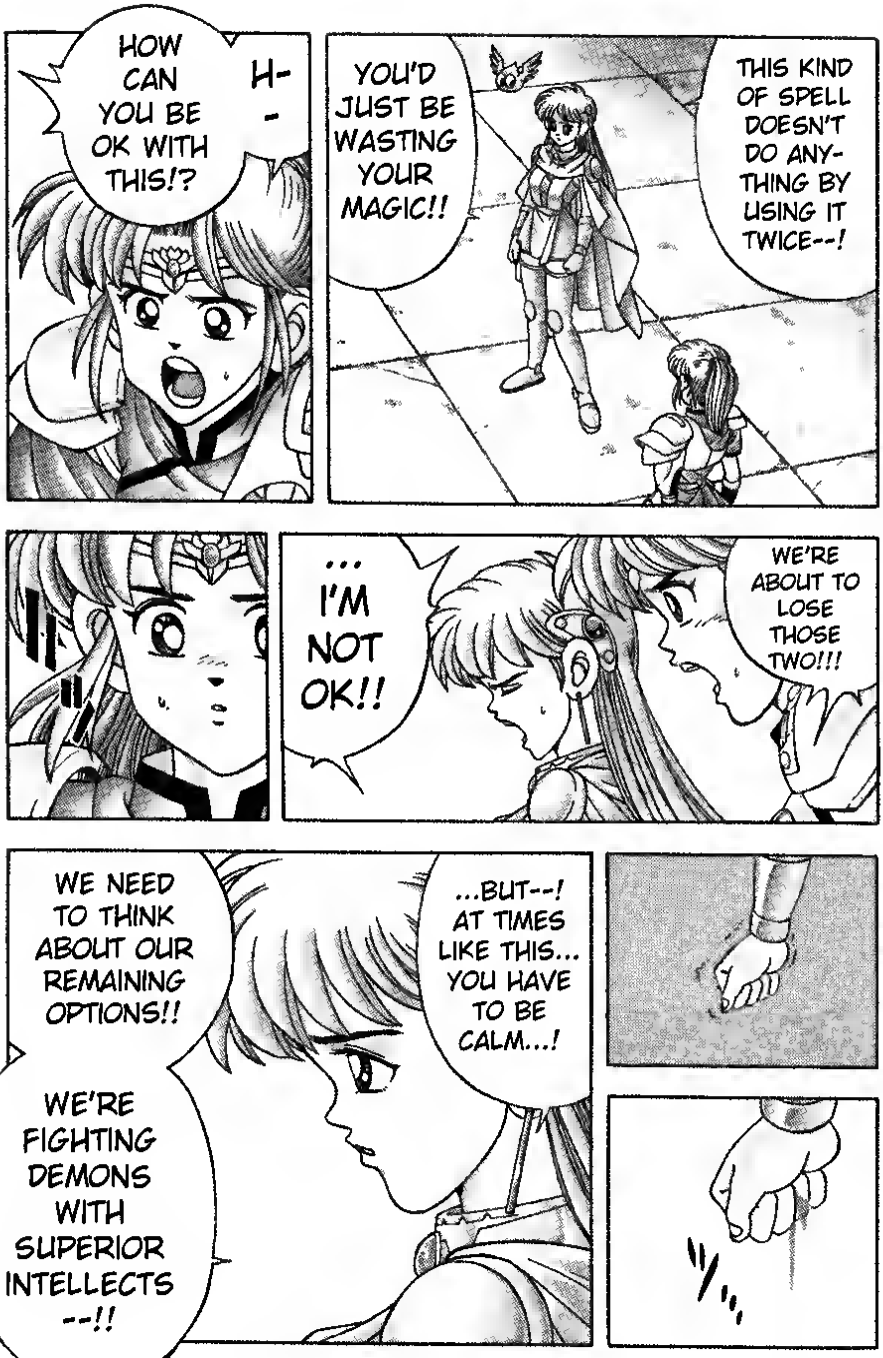


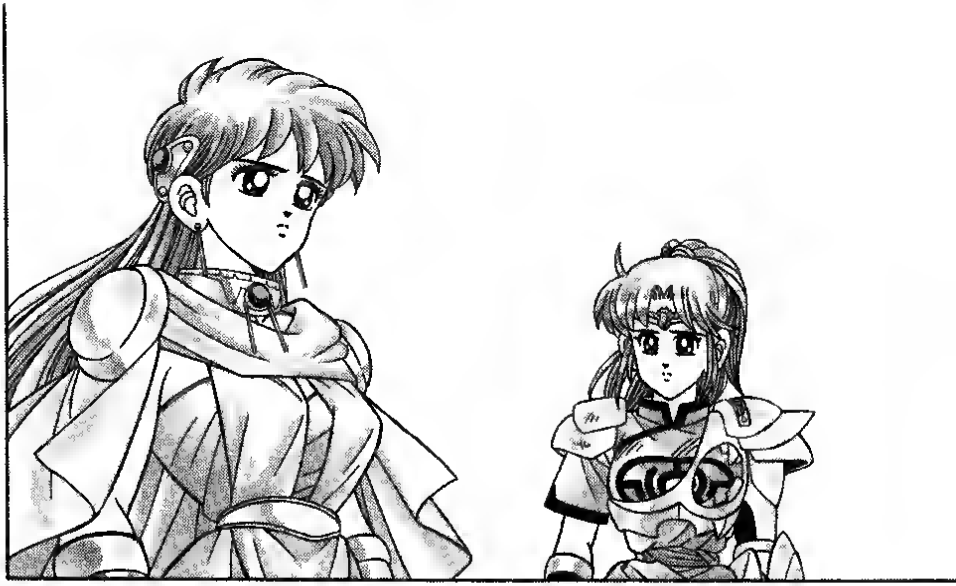
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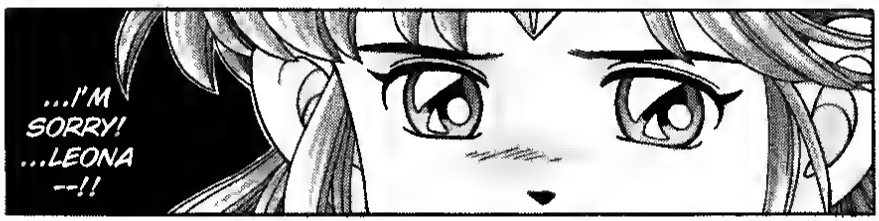

THERE ISN'T... A WAY--!!!
N-NO WAY --!!
H-- HYUNKEL... HOW CAN YOU SAY SUCH A THING?
HIME IS SILENT BECAUSE SHE KNOWS ...
THERE ISN'T A THING THAT WE CAN DO FROM OUTSIDE THE FLAME...
IF IT DISPELLED THE GRAND CROSS... WHICH RELEASES THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TOUKI... THAT MEANS THE TRAP CAN BE ONLY COUNTERED BY SPELLS--!
OTHERWISE, THE FLAME WOULD HAVE BEEN BLOWN AWAY, EVEN FOR A BRIEF MOMENT--!!

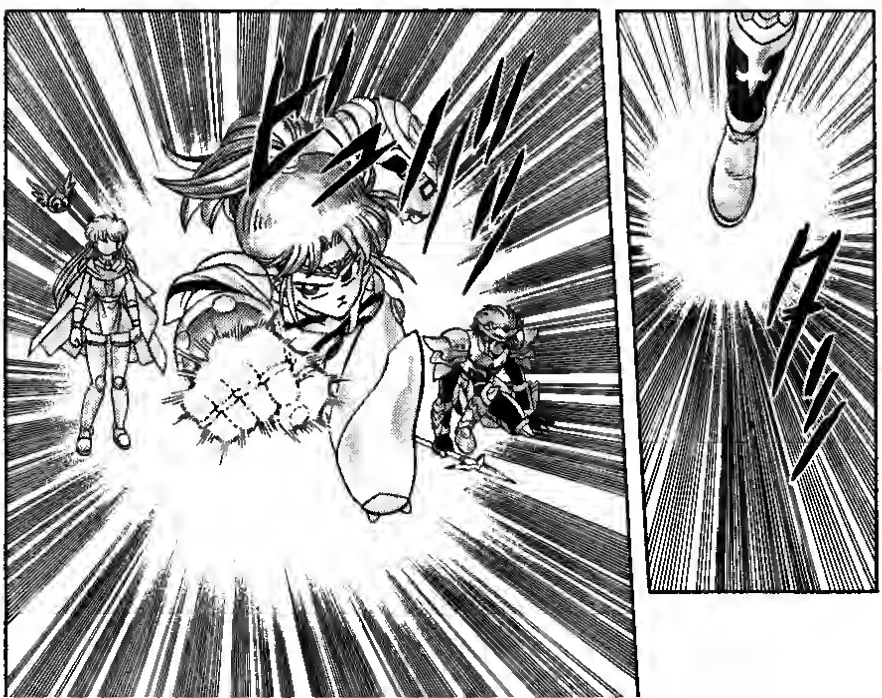

FOR THE REST OF US, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE DAI AND POP--! THAT IS TO DEFEAT KILL-VEARN WHO INVOKED THE SPELL!!
THAT BASTARD... KILL-VEARN KNEW THAT VERY WELL! THAT'S WHY HE RETREATED
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IT WOULD BE TOO LATE--!!
HOWEVER, EVEN IF WE WENT AFTER KILL-VEARN DEEP INTO THE VEARN PALACE...
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...THAT BASTARD ELIMINATED OUR FINAL OPTION!!!
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THAT SHINIGAMI REALLY KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING! WITH OUR TWO STRONGEST SPELL CASTERS INSIDE THE TRAP, ONE OF THEM ALREADY DEPLETED OF ENERGY AND THE OTHER ONE STUCK HOLDING UP THE FLAME, THERE ISN'T MUCH WE CAN DO FROM THIS SIDE...!!
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LEONA!! MINAKA-TORU!!
...IF ONLY THE STRENGTH OF MY SPELLS OR LEONA'S SPELLS WERE...!
...THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS, MARM
EVEN IF IT'S INCOMPLETE LIKE WE DID IN THAT DUNGEON, WE CAN STILL GET RID OF THAT FLAME--!
IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE ALREADY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MINAKA-TORU!
DON'T FORGET, I'VE ALREADY USED MINAKATORU TO STOP VEARN PALACE
WHAT !!?


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HOW CAN YOU BE OK WITH THIS!?
THIS KIND OF SPELL DOESN'T DO ANY-THING BY USING IT TWICE--!
YOU'D JUST BE WASTING YOUR MAGIC!!
WE'RE ABOUT TO LOSE THOSE TWO!!!
...I'M NOT OK!!
...BUT--! AT TIMES LIKE THIS... YOU HAVE TO BE CALM...!
WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT OUR REMAINING OPTIONS!!
WE'RE FIGHTING DEMONS WITH SUPERIOR INTELLECTS --!!




...I'M
SORRY!
...LEONA
--!!





TL NOTE: KAIMEISEN = ECHOING SEA FLASH HYUNKEL'S WAVE SLASH FOR SPEARS


DAI!! POP!!! PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP!!!
YOU GUYS HAVE TO HANG IN THERE TILL WE CAN GET YOU OUT!!!
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LOOKS LIKE WHAT THEY'RE TRYING ISN'T WORKING--!!
D-DO YOU HEAR THAT DAI...?
IF... IF ONLY I COULD MOVE MY BODY--!!
D--DAMMIT--!!
THE GUYS OUTSIDE CAN'T DO A THING... AND THE BEST I CAN DO IS TO HOLD IT UP--!!
...NO GOOD!! IF I JUST KEEP HOLDING IT UP, I'LL EVENTUALLY GIVE...
...IS THIS... THE END ...!!?


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...IT LOOKS LIKE... THIS IS MY LIMIT---!!!
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I JUMPED IN LIKE AN IDIOT... AND IN THE END I COULDN'T DO MUCH GOOD...
...I'M SORRY DAI
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MIT...
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POP!
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YOU IDIOTS !!!
H-- HAD-LAR--!!
WH-- WHAT THE FUCK!!?
THE DEAD AVAN WOULD BE DISAP-POINTED TO HAVE HIS NAME USED BY SOME LOSERS WHO GIVE IN TO THINGS LIKE THIS--!!!
...YOU TWO... ARE YOU REALLY THE DISCI-PLES OF AVAN!!?

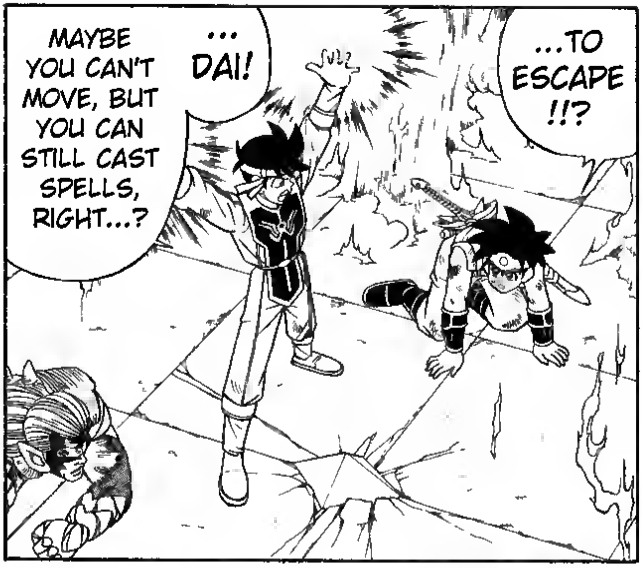

THE DISCIPLES OF AVAN... THE ONES THAT I RISKED MY LIFE TRYING TO DEFEAT!
THOSE ARE THE WARRIORS OF HOPE WITH SOULS THAT NEVER GIVE UP!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HEART THAT NEVER GIVES IN, THE GREATEST WEAPON OF THE DISCIPLES OF AVAN!!


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LAR!!
!!!!!
Y-YOU BASTARD!! AREN'T YOU THE ENEMY OF AVAN-SENSEI
....I-IF YOU'RE PISSED, THEN DO SOME-THING--!!!
DON'T BE A FALSE HERO THAT JUST CAME TO DEFEAT ME!!!
...FOR HIM TO TALK LIKE SENSEI --!!!
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I REFUSE TO DIE HERE!!
I GUESS IN THE END, HADLAR KNOWS ABOUT AVAN A LOT MORE THAN WE DO!
G-GOD DAMMIT! I'VE BEEN TAUGHT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE OF AVAN BY NONE OTHER THAN THE ENEMY OF AVAN-SENSEI HIMSELF!!
OK THEN, I'LL JUST MAKE A LOT OF NOISE UNTIL THE END!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S ANY GOOD!!!
AAH!! THE MARK OF AVAN!!
THE MARK OF AVAN IS SHINING INSIDE HIS CHEST! WHICH MEANS... HE'S REGAINED HIS COURAGE!!!


UAA AAA !!!
DAI CAN'T EVEN STAND UP! AND I STILL CAN'T LEAVE HERE!!
A-- ALRIGHT!! I'M BACK!! BUT NOW WHAT!!?
I STILL DON'T HAVE A SOLUTION! NOTHING'S CHANGED! THE SITUATION IS STILL DESPARATE!!


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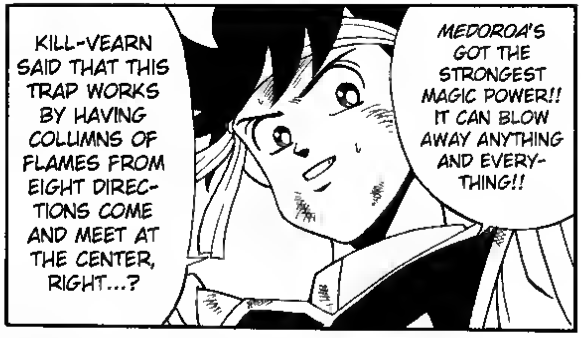




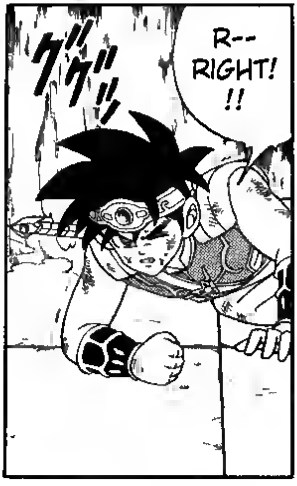
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CASE RUURA... AND FLY STRAIGHT OUT!!!
...WHAT!?
RUURA--!!
WHEN YOU'RE READY TO INVOKE IT, YOU'LL BE SEEING THE SKY!!
BUT... IF I DO THAT, I'LL HIT THAT WALL OF FIRE AND GET TOASTED! YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT RUURA WON'T PROTECT ME FROM THE FIRE!!!
!!!
BE-CAUSE OF MY MEDO-ROA!!
YEP! MEDO-ROA IS OUR ANS-WER!!!
A--AAH I SEE --!!


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KILL-VEARN SAID THAT THIS TRAP WORKS BY HAVING COLUMNS OF FLAMES FROM EIGHT DIRECTIONS COME AND MEET AT THE CENTER, RIGHT...?
MEDOROA'S GOT THE STRONGEST MAGIC POWER!! IT CAN BLOW AWAY ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING!!


THAT MEANS IF I THROW MEDOROA AT THE TOP OF THIS ROOF WHERE ALL THE FLAMES MEET, THEN THE FLAMES WILL SCATTER, AND IT'LL GIVES US A BIT OF A TIME BEFORE THEY COME BACK AGAIN!


R--RIGHT!!
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SO LET'S GET GOING WITH THIS PLAN!!
THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE MORE MY MAGIC GET'S CHIPPED AWAY INTO NOTHING


IT'LL PROBABLY BE ALL I CAN DO SINCE I'LL LOSE ALL MY MAGIC POWER AFTER USING *MEDOROA*--!
OK SO YOU GOT IT, RIGHT!? ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO USE *RUURA* TO JUMP OUT AS SOON AS YOU CAN SEE THE SKY!!
WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO EXIT, I'LL GRAB YOUR LEG AT THE LAST SECOND!!
...I GOT IT --!!
.....


!!
IF YOU FOUND A WAY, DO IT BEFORE YOU DIE!!
... WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR--!!?
I'M ABOUT TO BECOME DUST ANY-WAY!!
... FOR-GET ABOUT ME--!
R-- RIGHT --!!
HYUN-KEL!!
MARM!! HIME-SAN!!
IF YOU GUYS CAN SAVE YOUR-SELVES, THAT'S ALL I WANT!!


WE'RE ABOUT TO TRY ONE LAST PLAN!!!
BACK OFF A LITTLE AND WISH US LUCK!!!
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POP !!
... uuu !!!
...OK, LETS GO!!!


...AT THIS RATE, I CAN'T CREATE MEDOROA!!
IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE GONNA BE CRUSHED AS SOON I WEAKEN MY ICE SPELLS!!
C-CRAP!! THE FLAME COLUMNS ARE DESCENDING WAY TOO HARD--!!
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DAM-MIT!!
... DA--!!


GAAAAA!!!!
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WH-WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!!! YOUR CONDITION IS TOO SEVERE!!!
H--HADLAR... WITH HIS MAGIC --!!!
NOW!! MAKE YOUR SPELL!!
MIND YOUR OWN DAMN BUSINESS!!!
WITHOUT THE WINNER, NOBODY CAN TELL THE STORIES OF THE BATTLES AGAINST ME AND MY COMPANIONS--!!!
WILL NOT BE TAINTED BY THE IGNOBLE TRAP OF KILLVEARN!!
...THIS MATCH THAT I BET MY LIFE ON...
H--HADLAR--!!

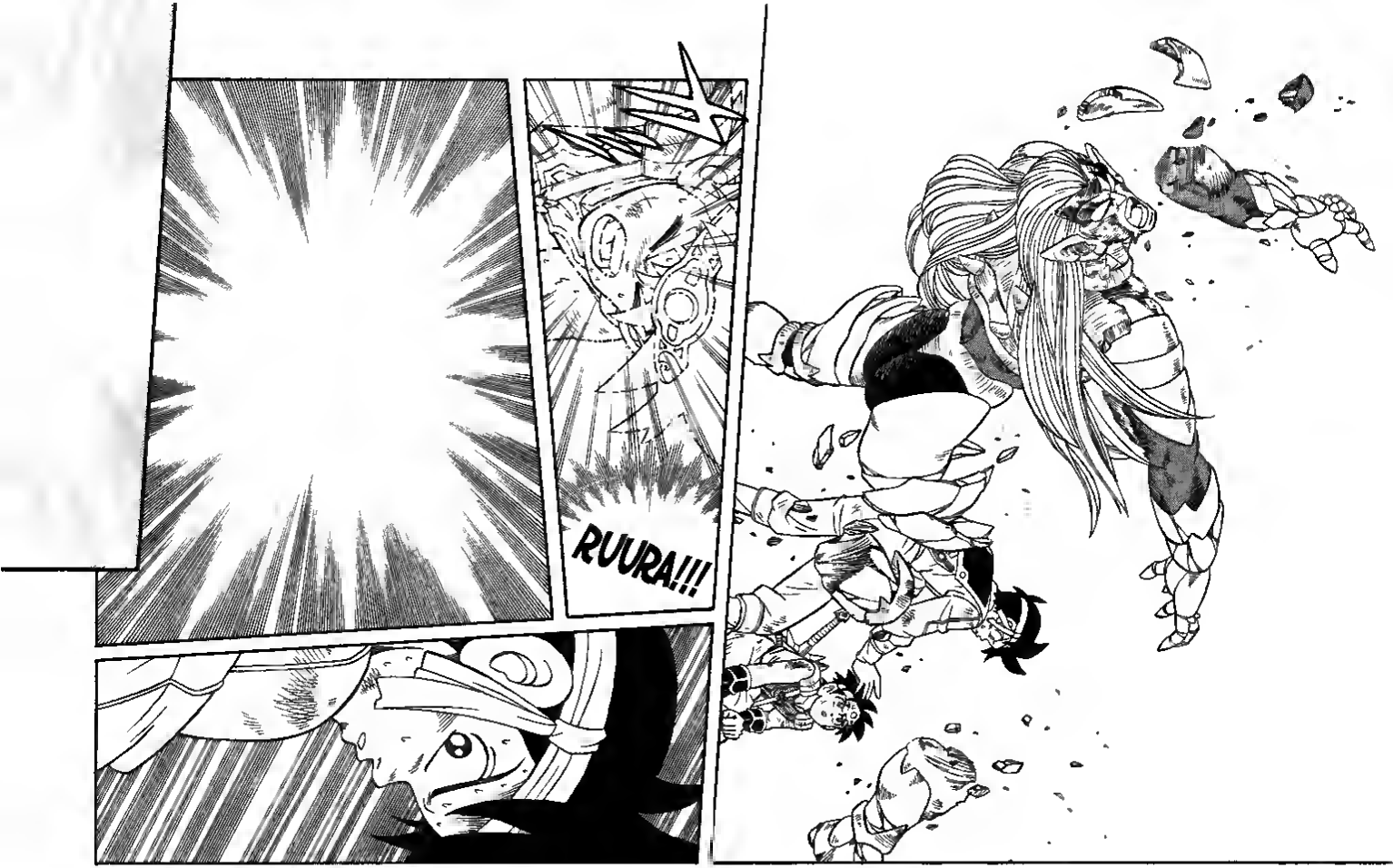

HURRY, POP!! EVEN THE CORPSE HAS MOVED!!
IT'S YOUR LUCK!!!
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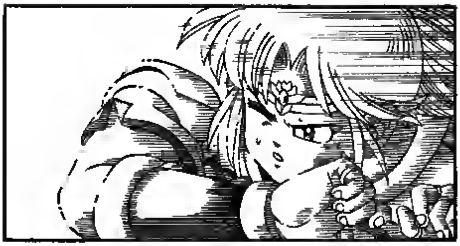

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DAI !!!
GET READY !!!!
FIRE !!!
MEDO-ROA! !!!!
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...THE SKY--!
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N-- NOW !!
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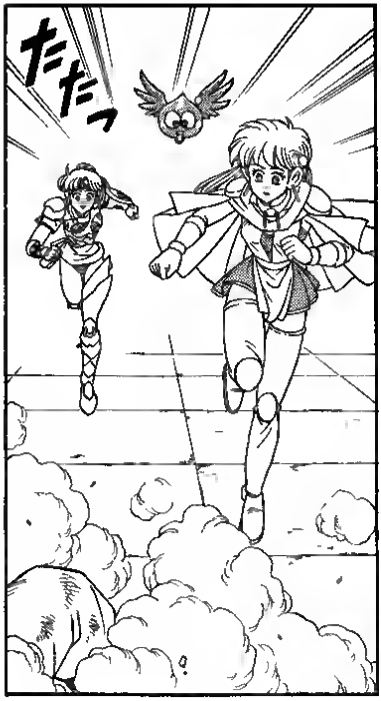

RUURA!!!








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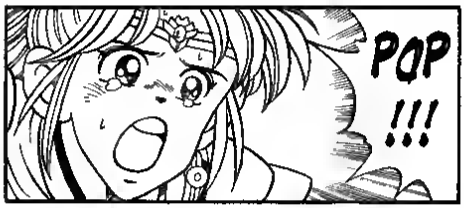

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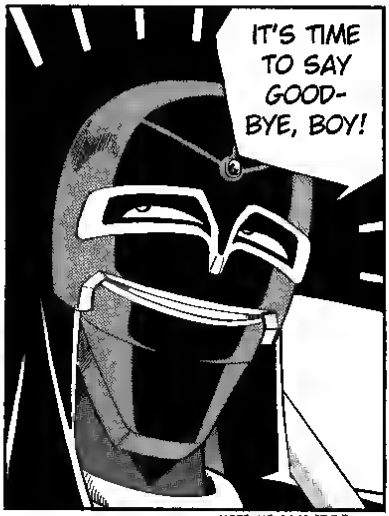

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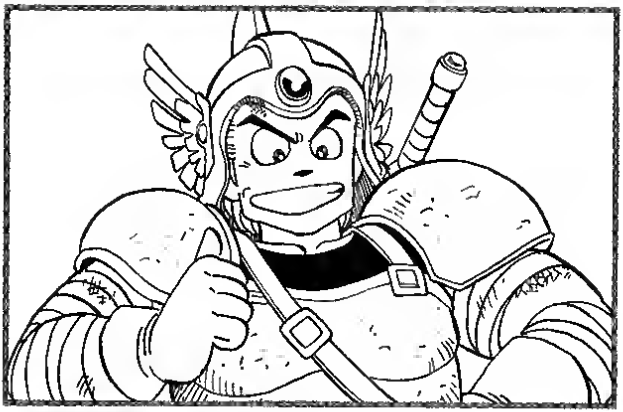




NOTE HE SAYS "BOY" IN ENGLISH



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戦士
FIGHTER

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AGE: 18 (AT THE TIME OF BATTLE AGAINST DEMON KING HADLAR)
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: CARL
FAMILY: UNKNOWN
SPECIALTY: POWER HITS WITH SWORDS AND AXES

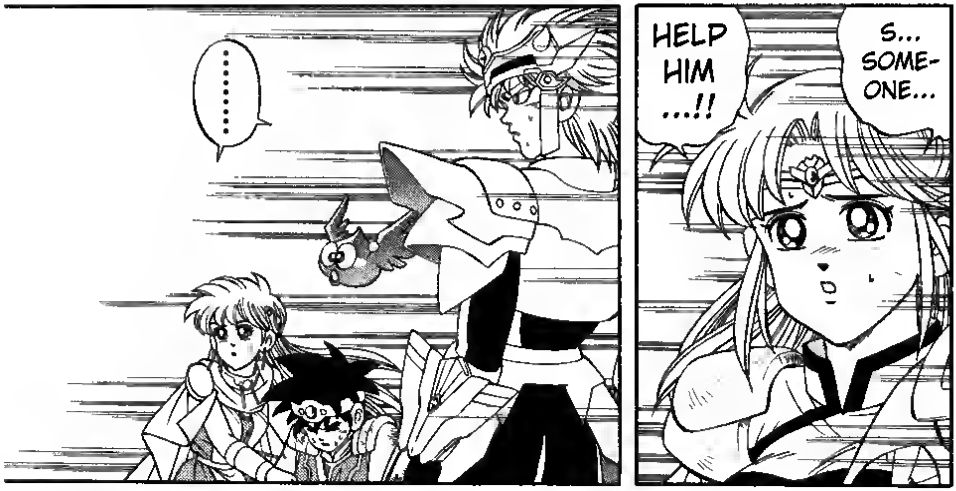
ROKA IS THE DESCEASED FATHER OF MARM, AND HE WAS THE YOUTH WHO HEADED THE CARL KINGDOM'S KNIGHT DIVISION. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND OF AVAN, AND WHEN AVAN WENT ON TO FIGHT WITH HADLAR, ROKA JOINED HIS PARTY. HE'S DIRECT AND PASSINATE. HIS DEATH IS STILL SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

NOTE: BACK WHEN HIS NAME FIRST APPEARED IN THE MANGA, WE DIDN'T KNOW HIS OFFICIAL NAME WAS LOCA, SO WE WENT WITH THE JAPANESE PRONOUNCIATION: ROKA

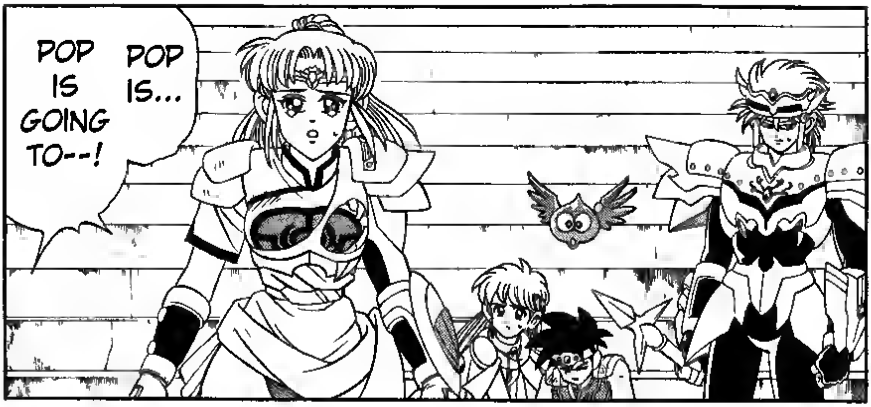


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POP, DEATH BY FIRE...!!! の巻



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POP IS GOING TO--!
POP IS...


SOME-BODY! DO SOME-THING!!!


NOBODY ANSWERED MARM'S CRY
EVERYONE WHO WAS AT THE SCENE FELT SO POWERLESS AND THEY COULD DO NOTHING ABOUT IT
...THEY ALWAYS KNEW THAT BEING RIGHT AND JUST WEREN'T GOOD ENOUGH... BUT THEY MUST HAVE NEVER FELT SO POWERLESS AMONG ALL THE BATTLES THEY EXPERIENCED...


WHY DIDN'T YOU GRAB ON TO ME LIKE YOU SAID... POP...
... WHY ?
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THE FLAMES THAT HAVE BEEN INTENSIFIED TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL GATHER AT THE CENTER OF THE DIAMOND AND THEN RETURN TO MAKAI--!!
THE WHOLE THING DESCENDS AND BECOMES SMALLER, AND IT DISAPPEARS WITHOUT EVEN LEAVING ASHES OF THE ENEMY
... FU...! UFU UFU! FUFU ! FU--! !!
I LOVE IT WHEN THE NINE OF DIAMONDS IS JUST ABOUT TO END--!



NOTE. ONCE AGAIN, HE SAYS "BOY" IN ENGLISH


SLOWLY ...ONE BY ONE
NONE OF THEM WILL EVER GET HERE
I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERY-ONE
.....
CHEERS!
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...FOR NOW, LET'S RAISE OUR GLASSES FOR POP-KUN! OUR FIRST VICTIM...


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H--HAD-LAR--!
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...HEH... HEHEHEH!! YOU REALLY LIKE USELESS STRUG-GLES...
SH-SHUT UP!! DON'T GIVE UP! STAND UP... ONE MORE TIME!!
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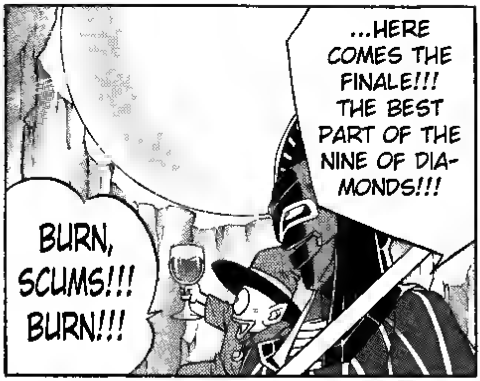

YOU... IDIOT!!
THAT'S PRETTY GOOD...
BUT YOU KNOW... I SAVED DAI...
I GOT NOTHING LEFT... NO MAGIC POWER... NO PHYSICAL ENERGY...
... NOPE ...
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WHY!!?
IF YOU DIDN'T HESITATE, YOU WOULD'VE BEEN OUT!!!
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WHEN I SAW YOU WORKING SO HARD TO LET US LIVE... YOU DIDN'T FEEL LIKE AN ENEMY...
AT THAT TIME... I COULDN'T LOOK AWAY FROM YOU...
... SORRY ...
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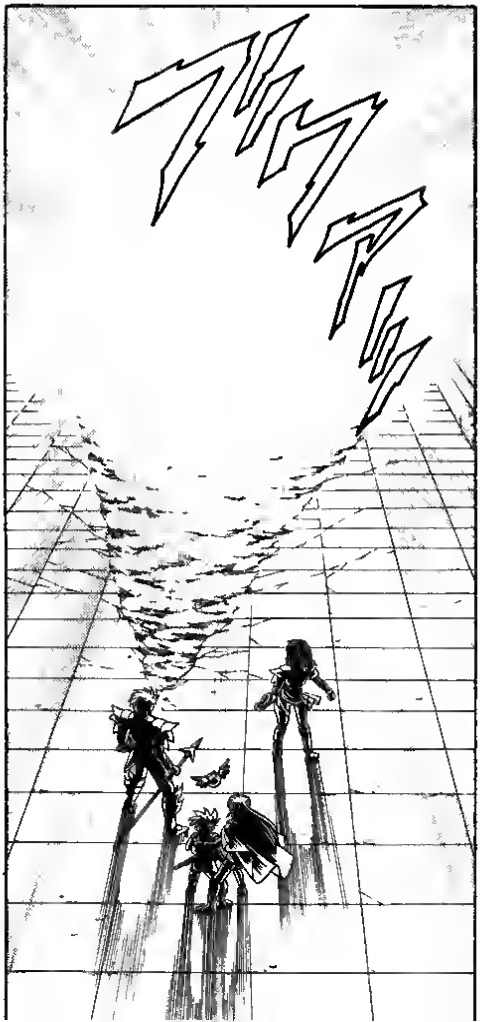

AS I THOUGHT ABOUT IT...!
IF YOU THINK JUST RATIONALLY, I KNEW YOU WEREN'T GOING TO MAKE IT, BUT I STILL COULDN'T LEAVE YOU BEHIND...
GOING TO GREAT LENGTHS!
WORKING ON A TEAM!
DEFENDING YOUR OWN PRIDE...!
YOU WORKED DESPERATELY HARD TO HAVE A FAIR FIGHT AGAINST US...
YOU SHOWED GREAT TENACITY DURING THE BATTLES ...!!!
THOSE WORDS FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME...!!?
...POP... YOU!
WE'RE THE SAME!
HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT FROM US...!!?

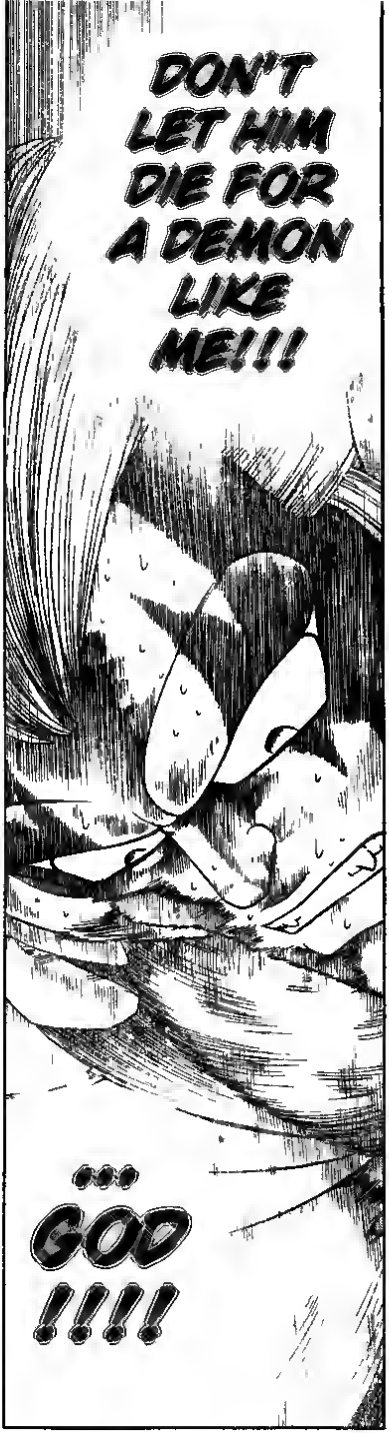

...WHEN I SAW YOU CRUMBLE... I JUST COULDN'T LOOK AWAY AND OFFERED MY HAND
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THAT'S WHY... I COULDN'T GRAB DAI TO ESCAPE...
HEH HEH... OOPS ...
...GETTING KILLED, WHILE TRYING TO SAVE HIS ENEMY...
IF I MEET AVAN-SENSEI IN HEAVEN, I BET HE'LL BE MAD...
...NO... HE WON'T ...
I'M SURE HE'LL UNDER-STAND...
POP-!!!!


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YOU... YOU'RE CRYING !?
...THANK YOU... HADLAR ...
YOU DON'T NEED IT... IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, I COULDN'T HAVE EVEN MADE A MEDOROA...
... FOR-GIVE ME!!!
POP... YOU LOST YOUR LIFE... FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME...!!


...BUT LET'S GO, YOU AND ME
TO THE WORLD WHERE AVAN-SENSEI IS...
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EVEN TEARS EVAPORATE INSTANTLY... I GUESS THIS PLACE IS JUST TOO HARSH...
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I, A DEMON, AM PRAYING TO YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME...!!!
IF YOU TRULY HAVE POWER TO GOVERN THE LIFE AND DEATH OF HUMANS, LET HIM...!!
PLEASE... SOMEHOW SPARE THIS WONDER-FUL MAN'S LIFE!!!
...GOD!!
HUMAN GOD!!!


...HERE COMES THE FINALE!!! THE BEST PART OF THE NINE OF DIAMONDS!!!
BURN, SCUMS!!! BURN!!!

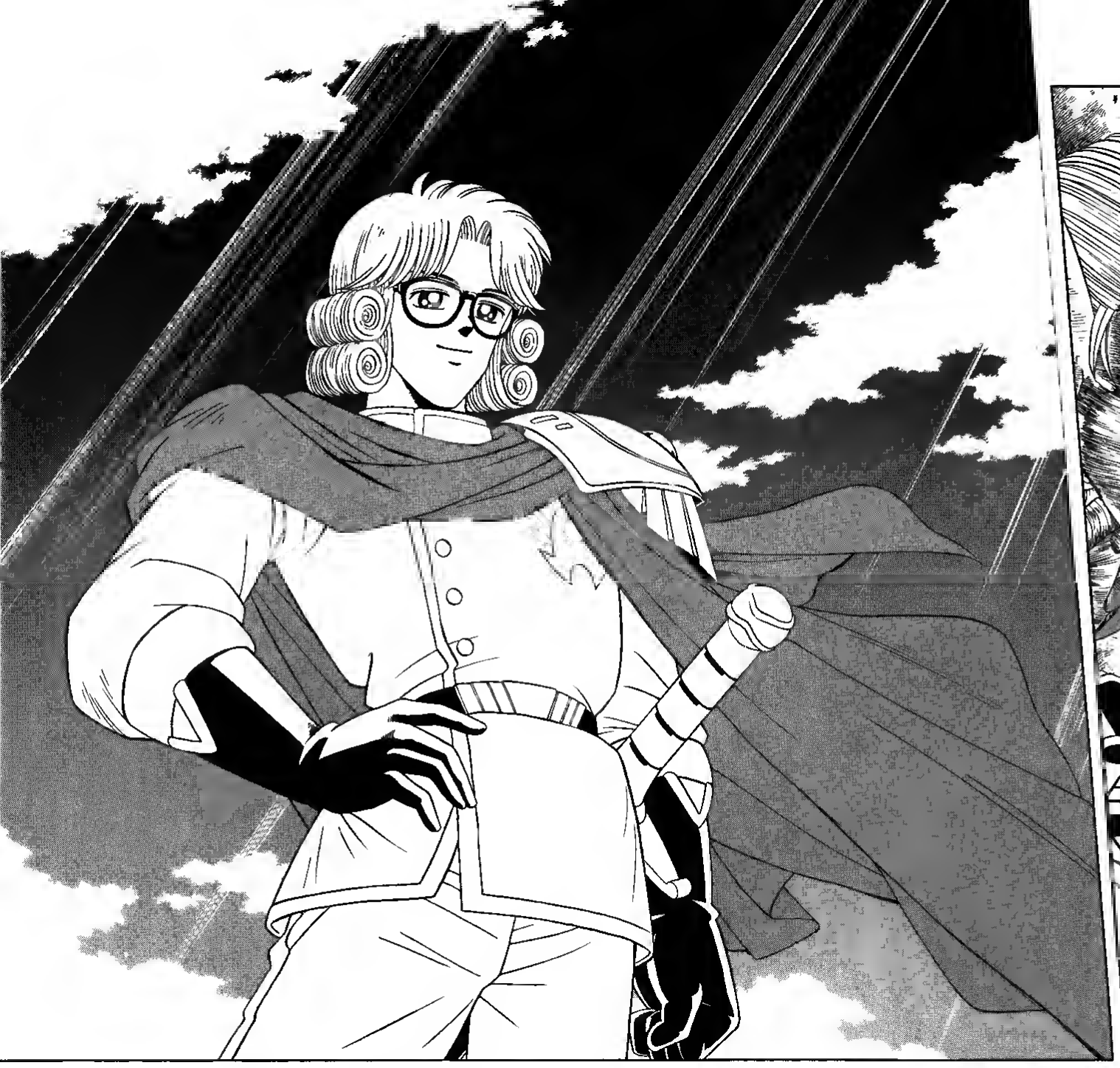



DON'T LET HIM DIE FOR A DEMON LIKE ME!!!
...GOD!!!!


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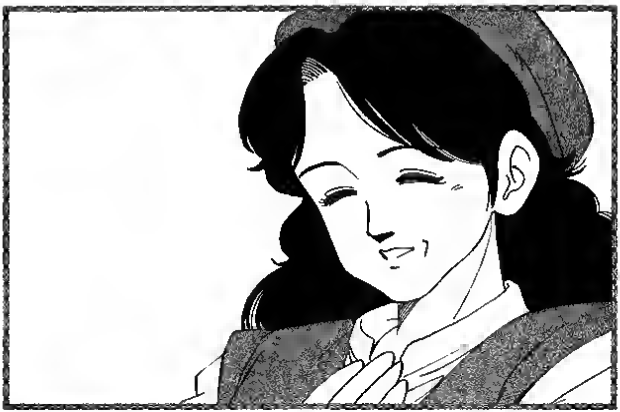

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...I FORBID YOU, POP
YOU CAN'T GO TO "THE OTHER WORLD" ...
TH--THIS IS--!!?
...EVEN IF YOU GO THERE...
I WON'T BE THERE ANYWAY ...!
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... IMPOS-SIBLE ...
I-IT CAN'T BE--!!
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IS THIS A DREAM ...!?





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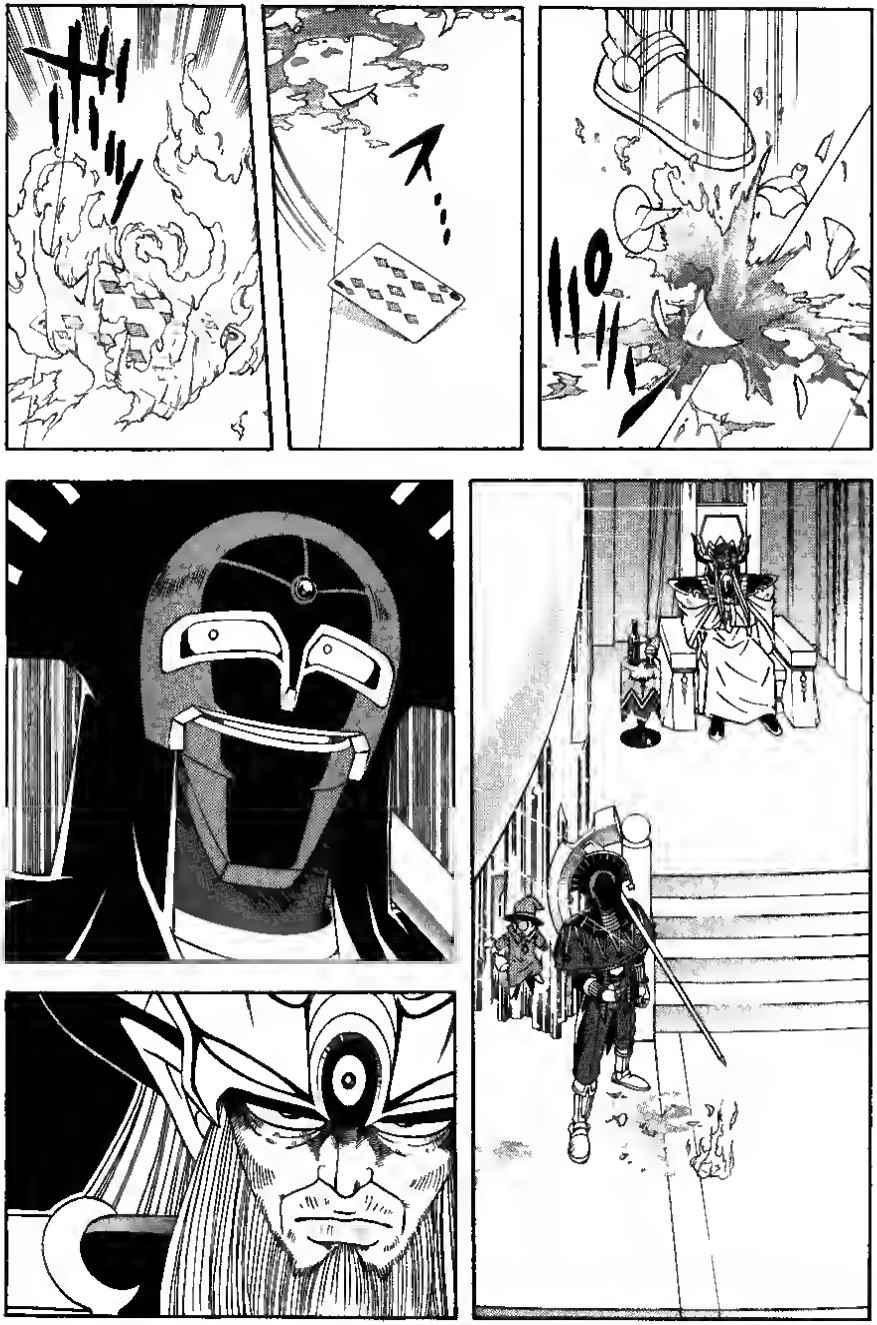
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EX-CLERIC

AGE: 33
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: ROMOS
FAMILY: DAUGHTER MARM
SPECIALTY: HEALING SPELLS (SHE USED TO USE CLERIC-TYPE ATTACK SPELLS, BUT SINCE SHE RETIRED FROM THE FRONT-LINE, SHE NO LONGER USES THEM.)

LEILA IS MARM'S MOTHER. ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND ROKA, SHE FOUGHT AS A PART OF AVAN'S PARTY. THE WILL OF JUSTICE SHARED BY LEILA AND ROKA CONTINUES TO LIVE INSIDE MARM. CURRENTLY LEILA SPENDS HER DAYS IN THE VILLAGE OF NEIRU TO PRAY FOR THE SAFETY OF MARM AND HER FRIENDS.

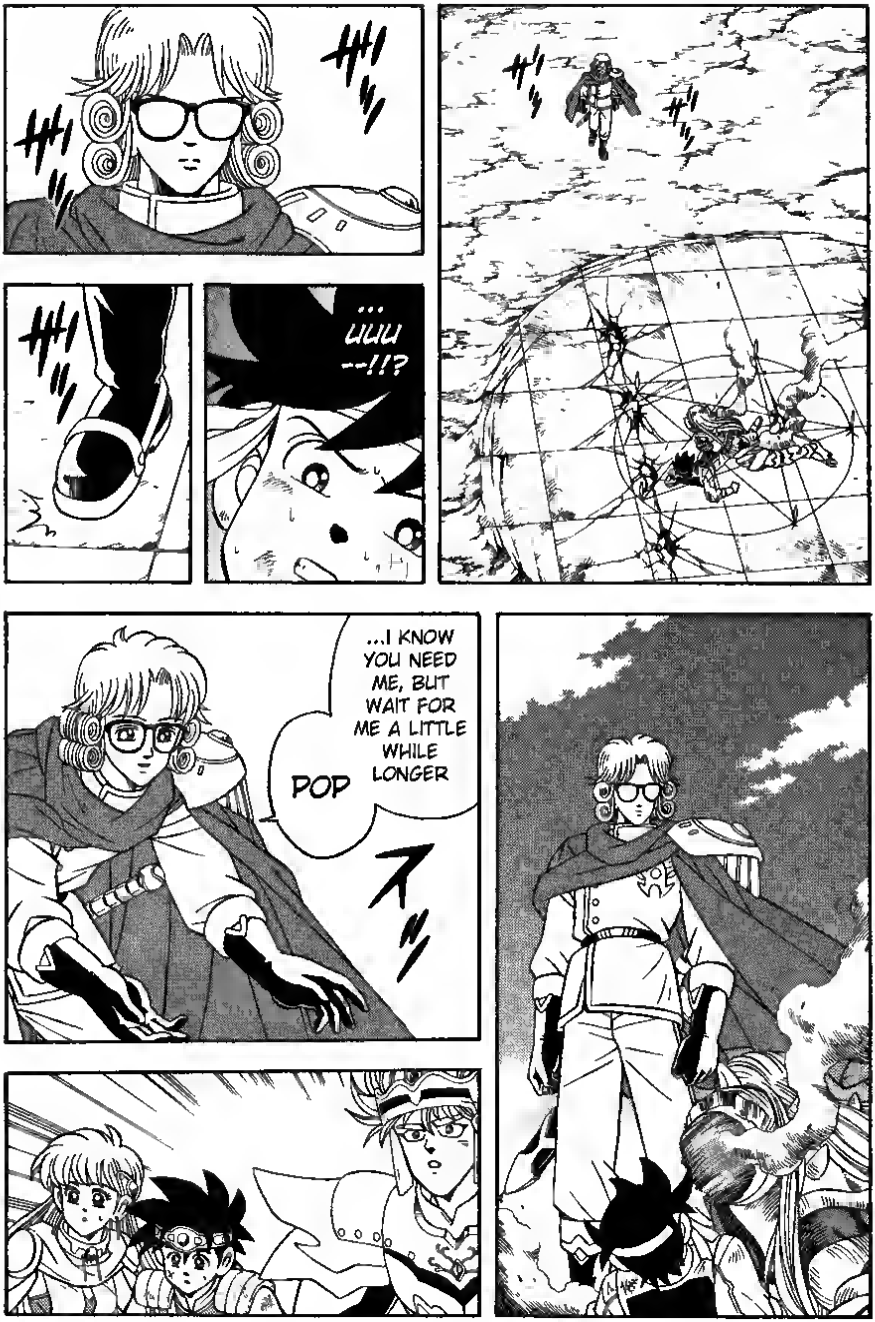
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...THERE WAS NOBODY WHO COULD MOVE--!
THEY WERE TOO SHOCKED... BUT NOT ONLY THAT--!!
...NOBODY HAD THE COURAGE TO VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF THE MAN WHO WAS WALKING TOWARD THEM...
THAT IS HOW MUCH HE MEANT FOR DAI AND HIS FRIENDS...! !!
...OR... THIS IS HEAVEN --!!!
THIS IS DEF-INITELY A DREAM !!
AAAH--!! THIS CAN'T BE!! IT'S... IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE--!!!


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...I KNOW YOU NEED ME, BUT WAIT FOR ME A LITTLE WHILE LONGER
POP

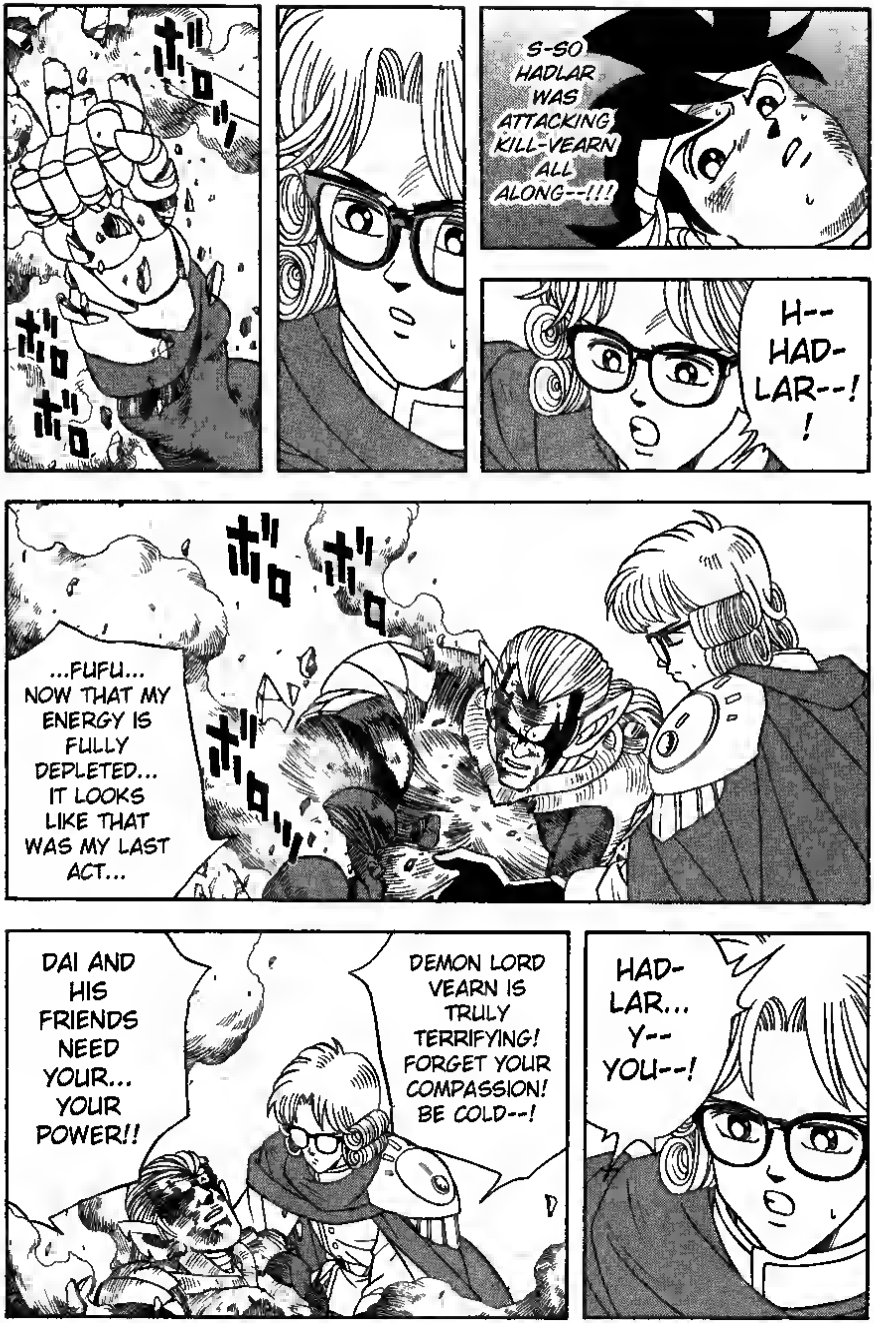

...IT LOOKS LIKE I OWE YOU A THANK YOU... HADLAR...
...!-IS IT REALLY YOU...?
THE MAN WHO IS HERE IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM THE OLD DEMON KING HADLAR I KNEW
I COULD NOT HAVE IMAGINED IT FROM THE OLD YOU...
...I'M SURPRISED... I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS... TO SAVE MY DISCIPLE...


!?
...YOU... WANT TO SAY THANK YOU...?
..... HONESTLY ...
IT'S STRANGE TO SAY THIS TO THE OPPONENT THAT I FOUGHT TO THE DEATH SO MANY TIMES... BUT...
ENTIRELY TOO NAIVE!!!
...NAIVE!!!
I'M ABOUT TO PUKE!!!!


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SHINI-GAMI!!
...I WON'T LET YOU INTERFERE THIS TIME...
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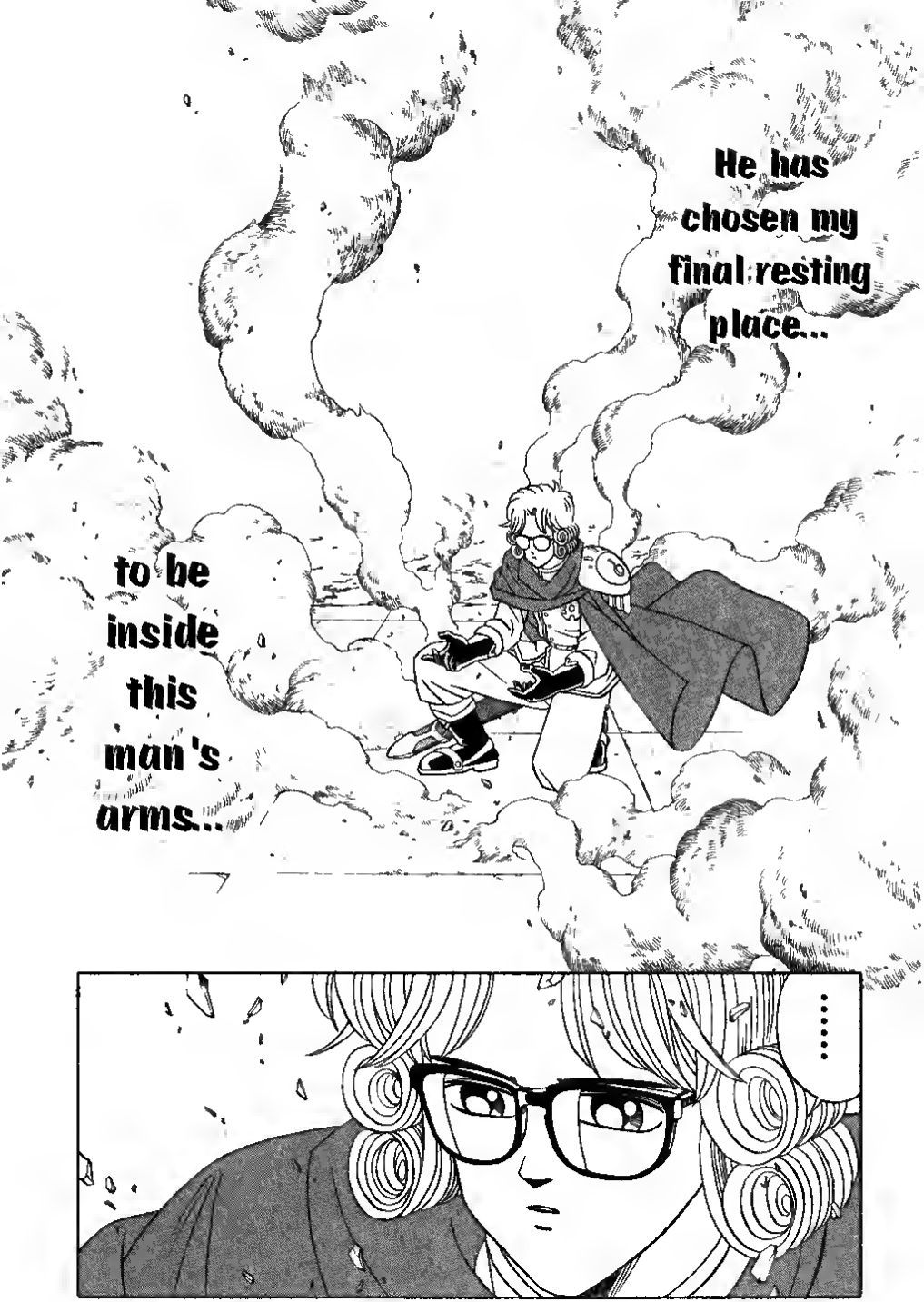

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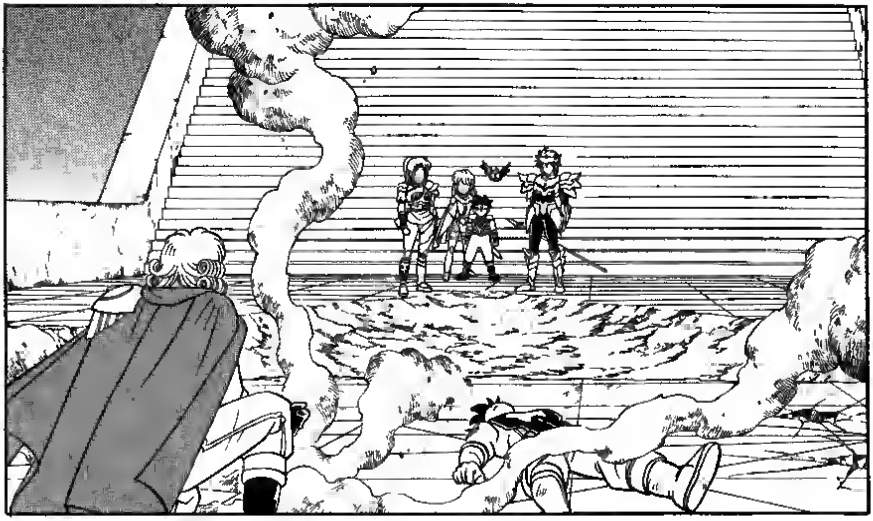

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S-SO HADLAR WAS ATTACKING KILL-VEARN ALL ALONG--!!!
H--HAD-LAR--!!
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...FUFU... NOW THAT MY ENERGY IS FULLY DEPLETED... IT LOOKS LIKE THAT WAS MY LAST ACT...
DAI AND HIS FRIENDS NEED YOUR... YOUR POWER!!
DEMON LORD VEARN IS TRULY TERRIFYING! FORGET YOUR COMPASSION! BE COLD--!
HAD-LAR... Y--YOU--!

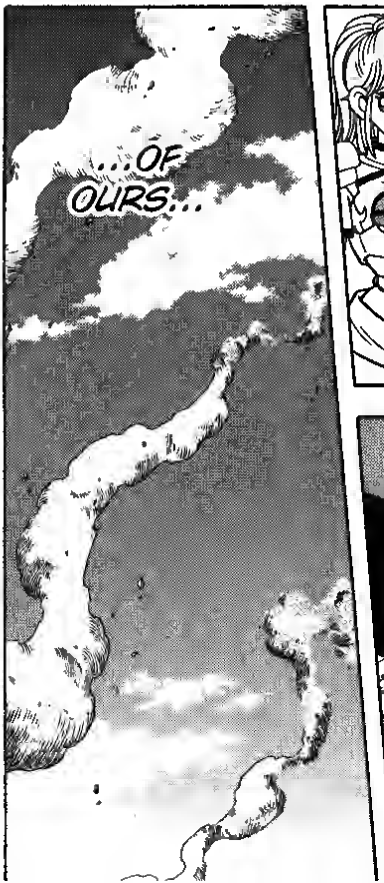


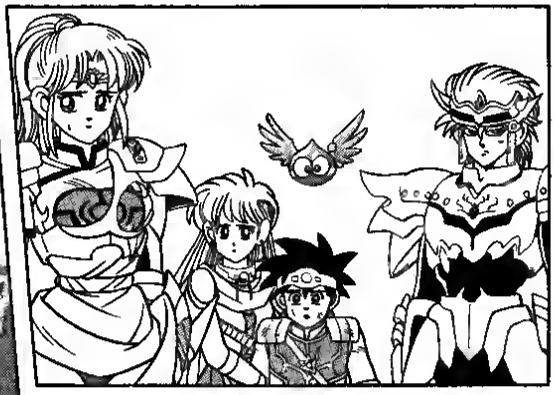
SFX: KOKUN (NOD)


YOUR HUMAN GOD... HAS AN IRONIC SENSE OF HUMOR...
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WHAT !?
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HAD-LAR --!!
...IN EXCHANGE FOR MY LIFE...
...HE HAS RETURNED THAT PRECIOUS GIFT I ONCE TOOK AWAY...
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AAAH --!
NOT ONLY THAT...


He has chosen my final resting place...
to be inside this man's arms...
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...OF OURS...



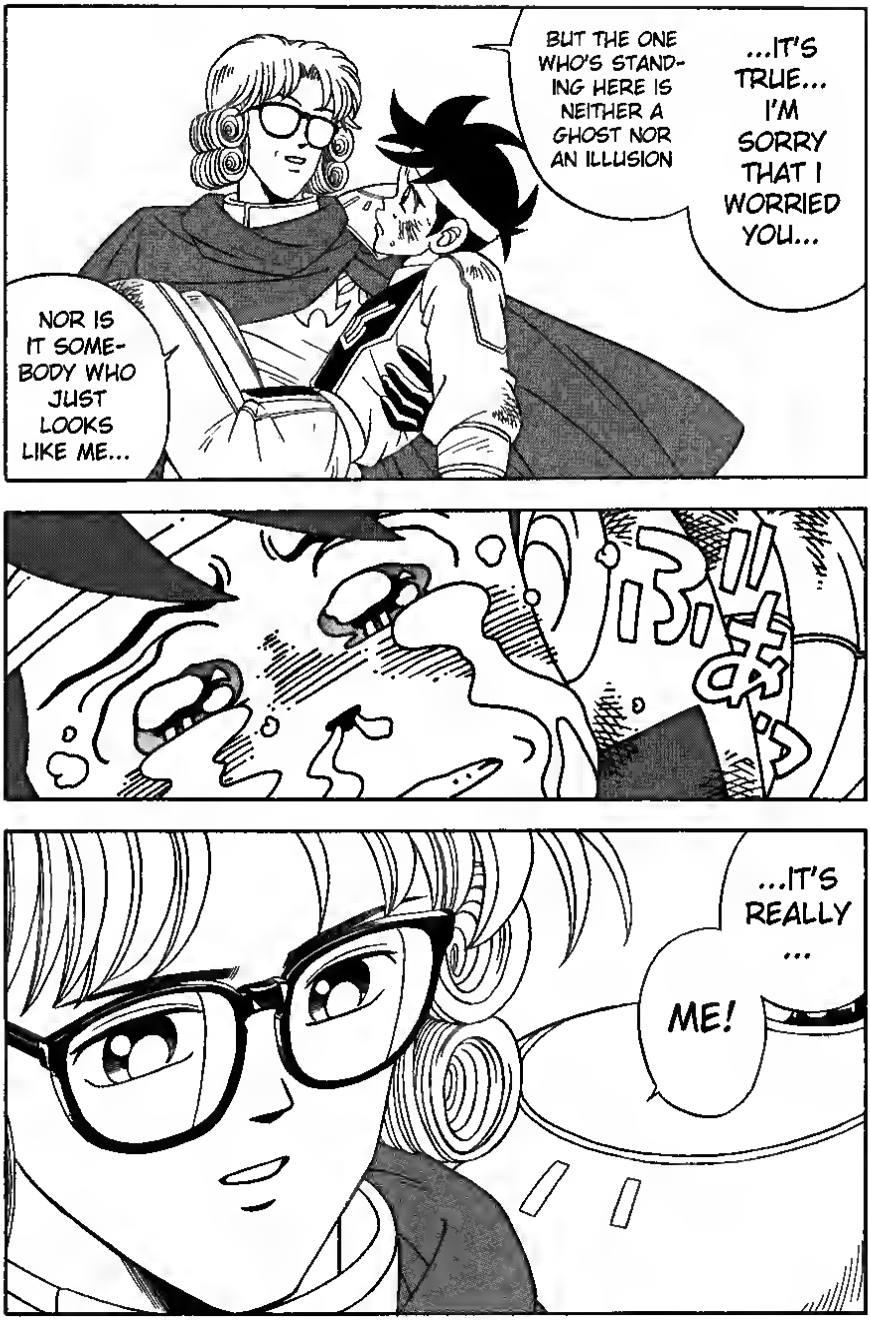

A FRIEND ...


YOU WERE WITHOUT A DOUBT...
... HADLAR... IN YOUR FINAL MOMENTS ...


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LET'S GET MOVING!
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SINCE LAST TIME I SAW YOU...!!
...YOU'VE SURE GROWN UP A LOT, POP


THERE'S NO WAY OUR REAL SENSEI COULD JUST COME BACK FROM THE DEAD--!!!
YOU... YOU CAN'T BE SENSEI!!!
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S-- SHUT UP!!!
THAT CAN'T BE IT, POP-KUN
!?
...IT'S PROBABLY THAT BASTARD ZABOERA AGAIN, PLAYING A CRUEL TRICK ON US!!!
IT'S DEFINITELY A DREAM OR AN ILLUSION--!
...
NOT EVEN THE MOST EVIL OF MAGICIANS COULD EXERT THEIR POWER INSIDE THAT CIRCLE...!!
...THAT IS THE MAGICAL CIRCLE OF LIGHT ...!!


HE'S REALLY ...!!
T-- THEN... LEONA!!
R-- REALLY ...!!?
ヨロッ!!
ケッ!


...IT'S TRUE... I'M SORRY THAT I WORRIED YOU...
BUT THE ONE WHO'S STANDING HERE IS NEITHER A GHOST NOR AN ILLUSION
NOR IS IT SOMEBODY WHO JUST LOOKS LIKE ME...
...IT'S REALLY ...
ME!


AVAN-
SENSEI
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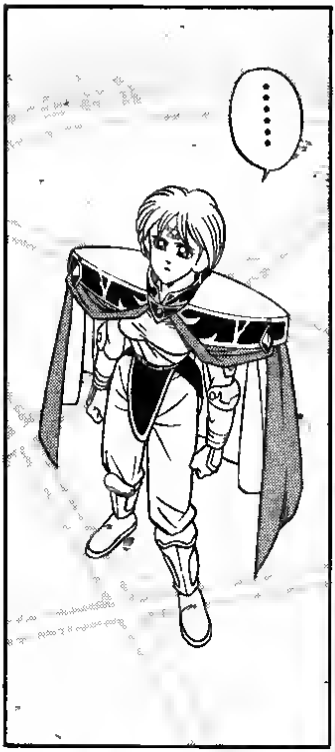
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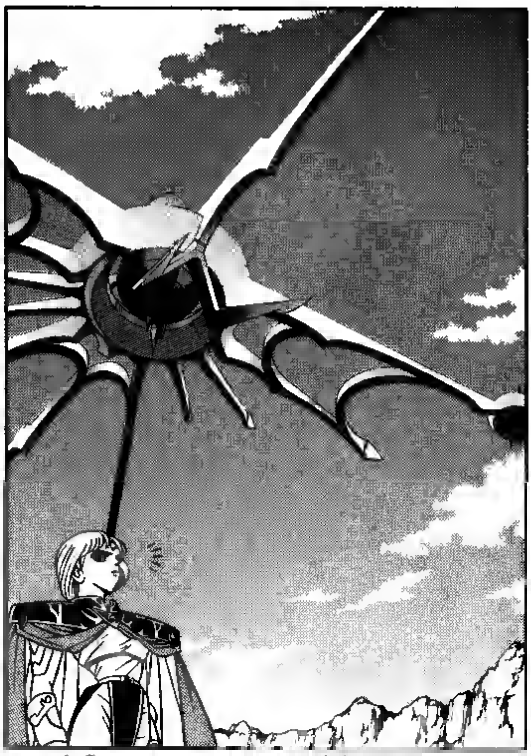
WEAPONSMITH

AGE: 45
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: BENGARNA
FAMILY: WIFE - STEENLIE, SON - POP
SPECIALTY - MAKING WEAPONS

JUNK IS POP'S FATHER WHO LIVES IN THE VILLAGE OF LANKARKS. HE IS AN ARCHITYPICAL STUBBORN OVERBEARING FATHER AND QUICK WITH HIS FISTS. THIS IS SOMEONE THAT POP HAS THE MOST DIFFICULTY. JUNK IS ALSO ONE OF VERY FEW FRIENDS OF LON BERK, AND HE WAS ONCE A WEAPONSMITH WITH CONSIDERABLE SKILLS.







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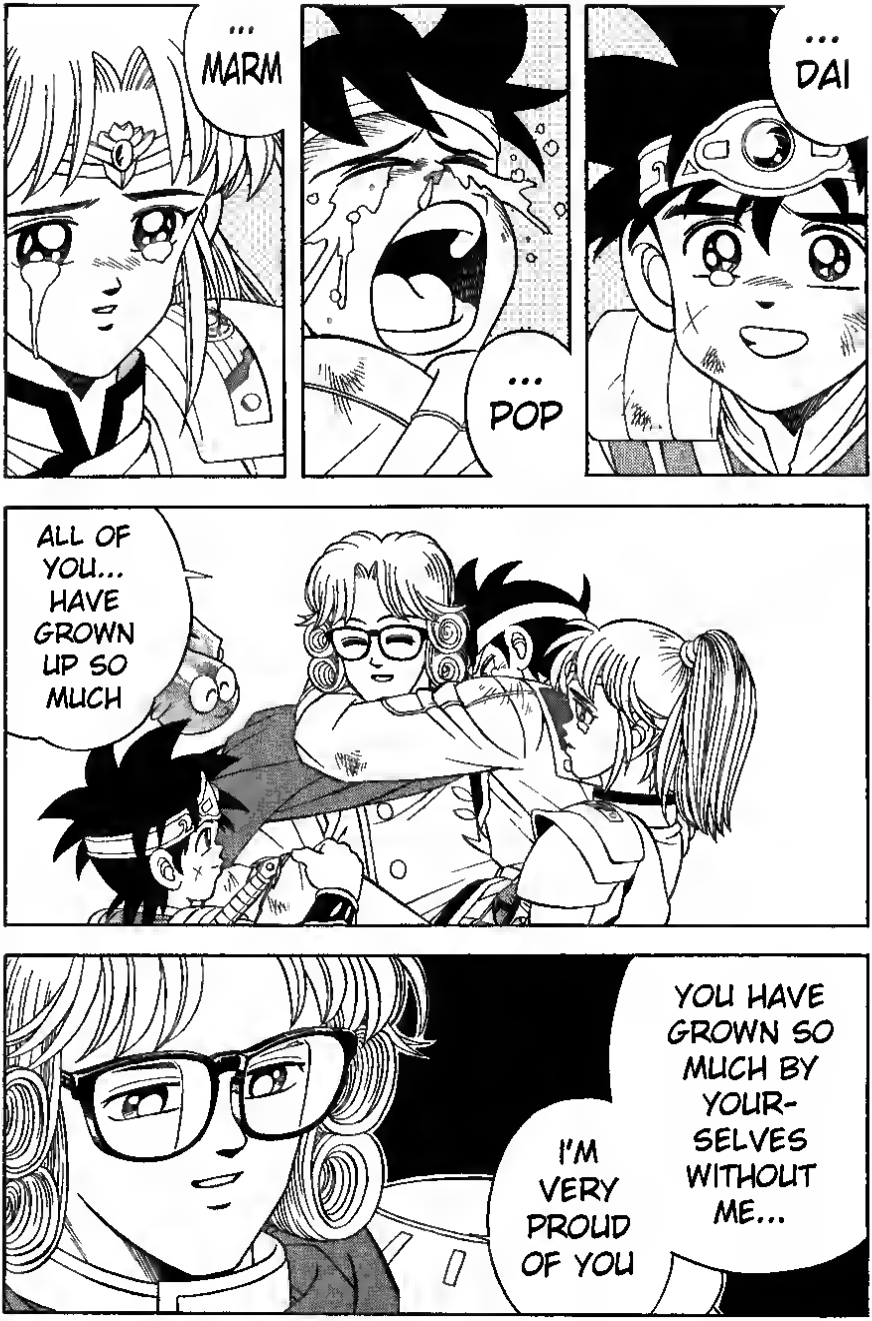
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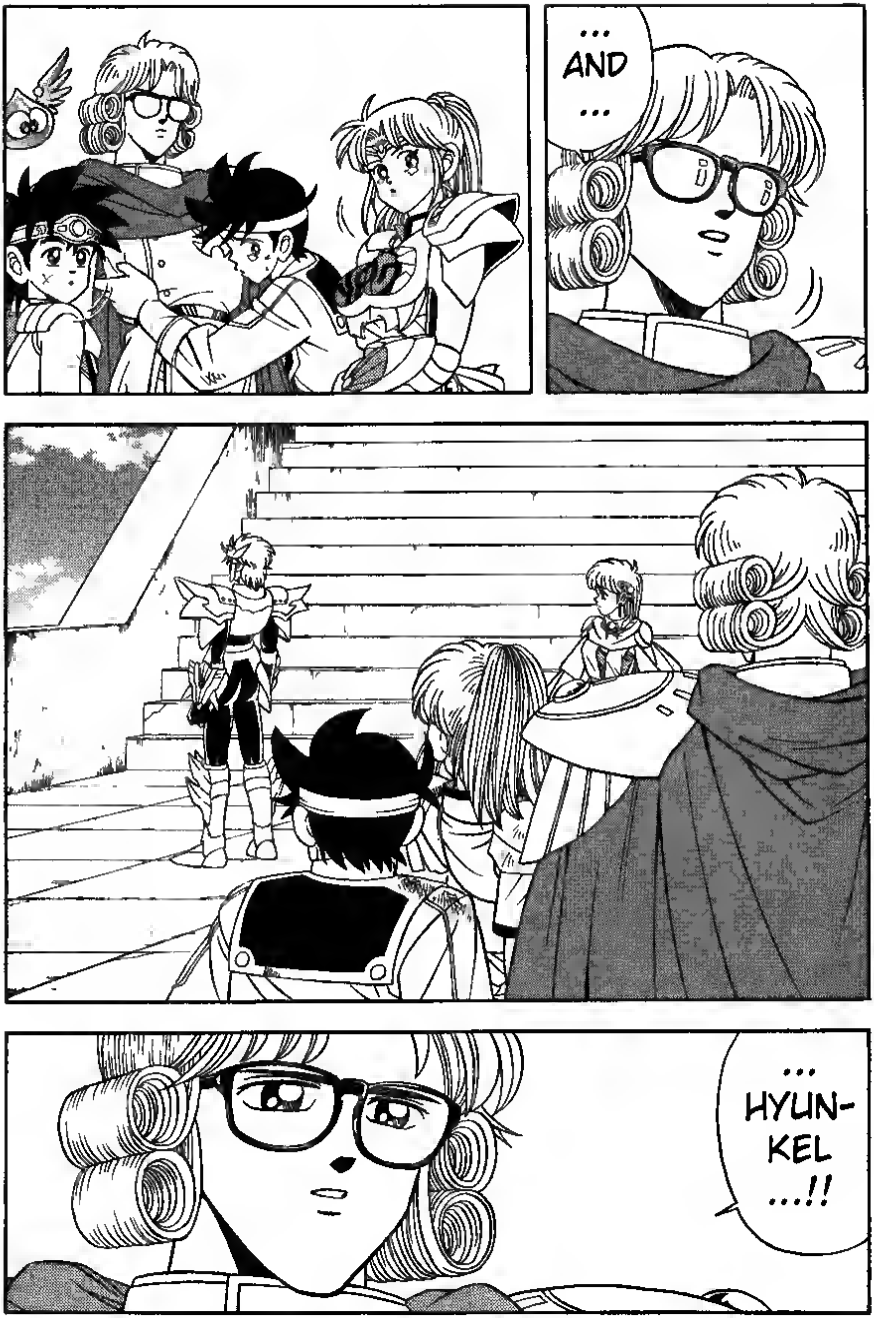
THE MYSTERY OF AVAN'S RETURN...!!!

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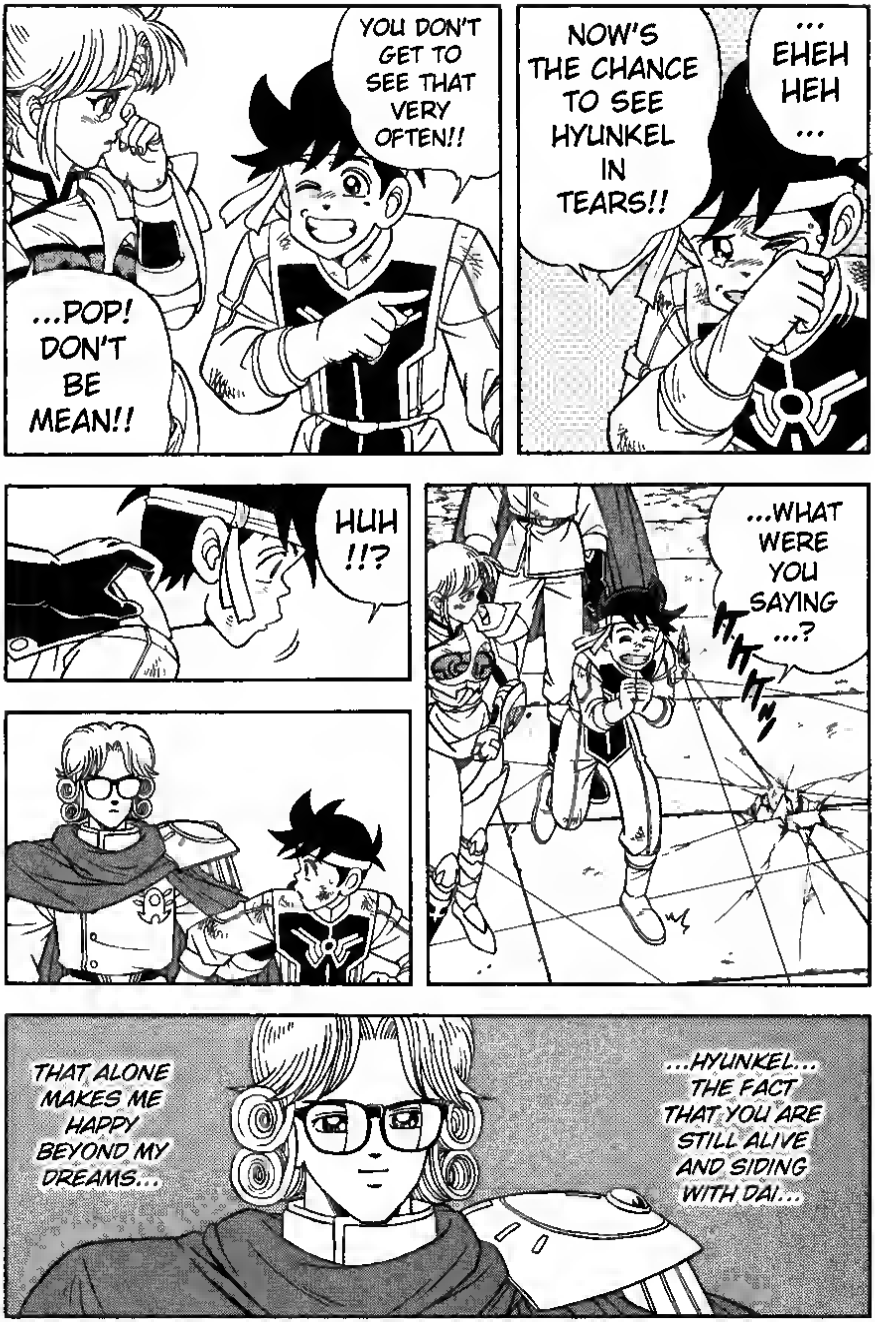


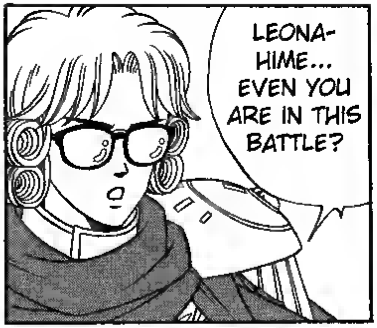

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MARM
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DAI
ALL OF YOU... HAVE GROWN UP SO MUCH
YOU HAVE GROWN SO MUCH BY YOUR-SELVES WITHOUT ME...
I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU

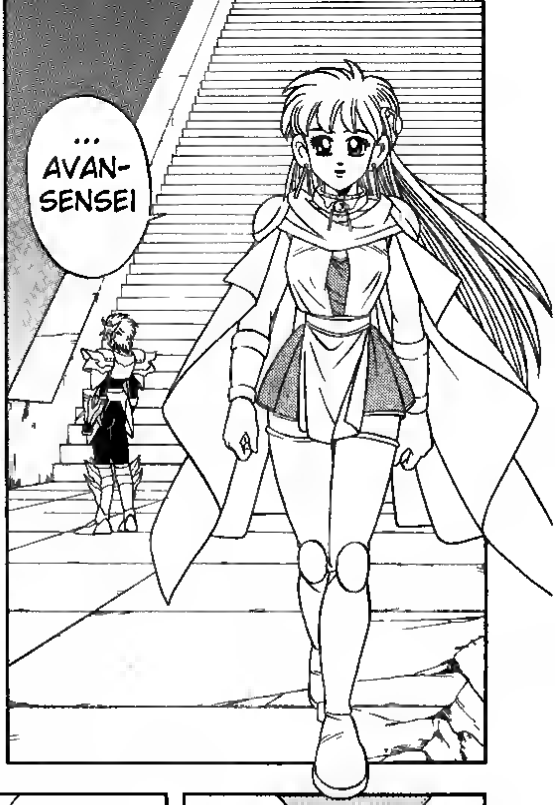

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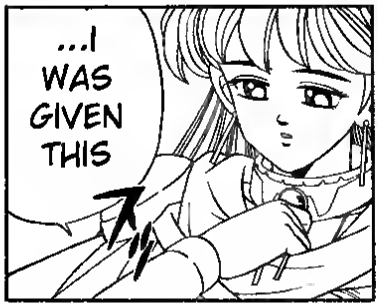


EDITOR NOTE: I DON'T KNOW EITHER.


YOU DON'T GET TO SEE THAT VERY OFTEN!!
...POP! DON'T BE MEAN!!
NOW'S THE CHANCE TO SEE HYUNKEL IN TEARS!!
... EHEH HEH ...
HUH !!?
...WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ...?
THAT ALONE MAKES ME HAPPY BEYOND MY DREAMS...
...HYUNKEL... THE FACT THAT YOU ARE STILL ALIVE AND SIDING WITH DAI...

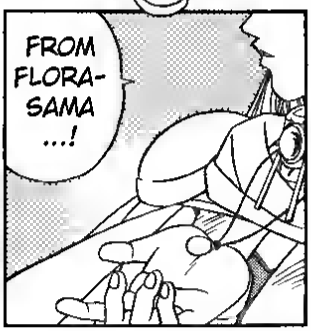

LEONA-HIME... EVEN YOU ARE IN THIS BATTLE?

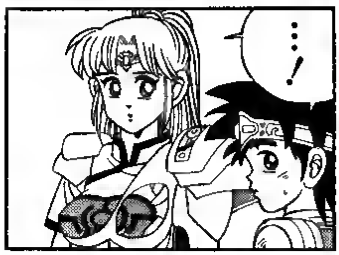

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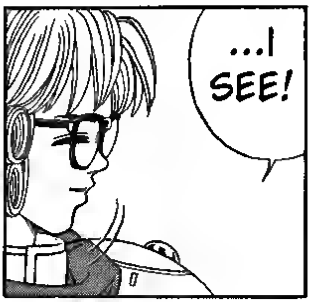

...I WAS GIVEN THIS


HOW DID YOU COME BACK FROM THAT CERTAIN DEATH...?
AVAN-SENSEI... TELL US ONE THING


IF SHE'S CERTIFIED YOU, THEN YOU DESERVE TO BE HERE!


FROM FLORA-SAMA ...!

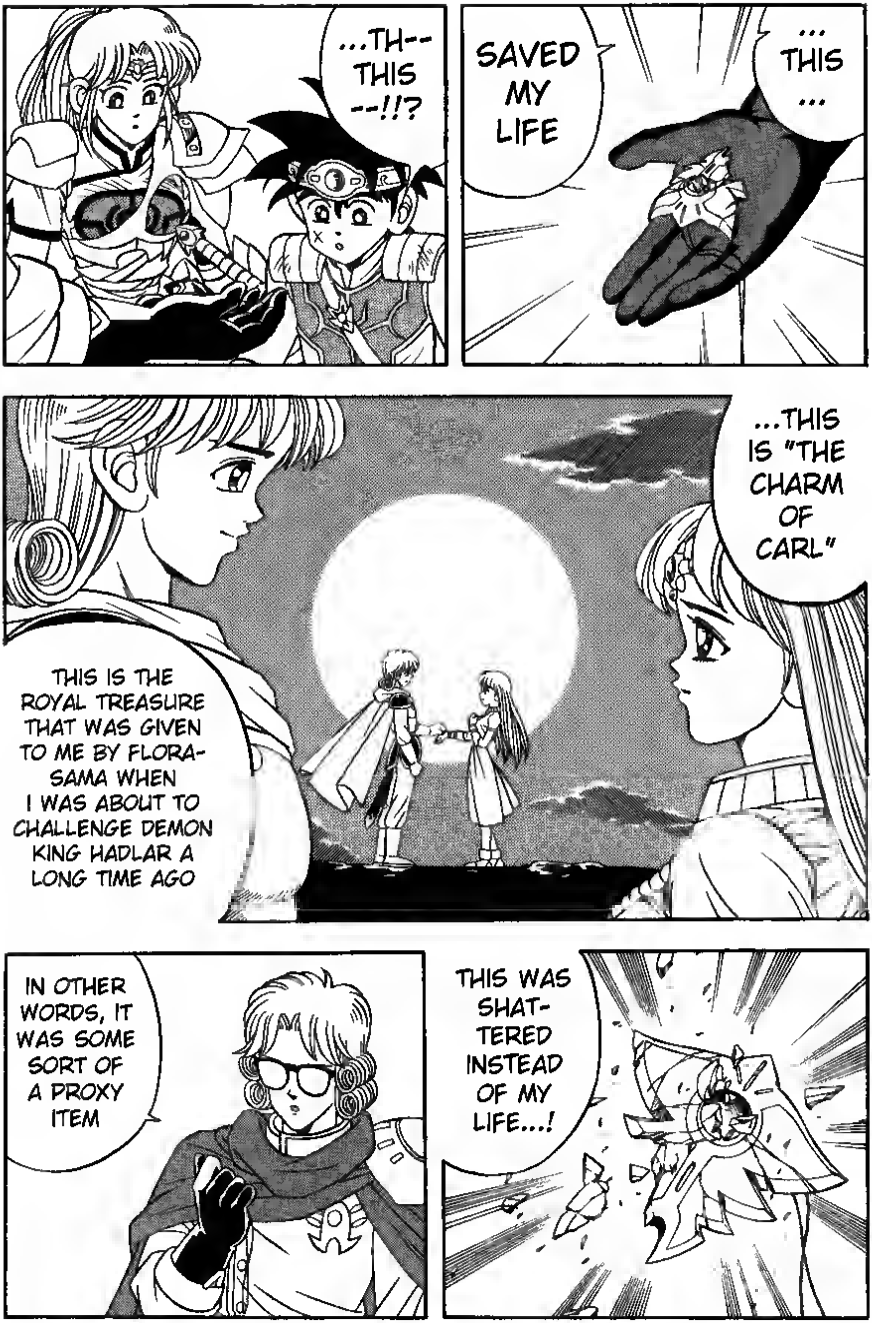

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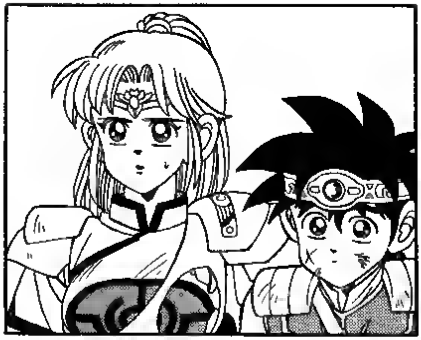

...I SEE!



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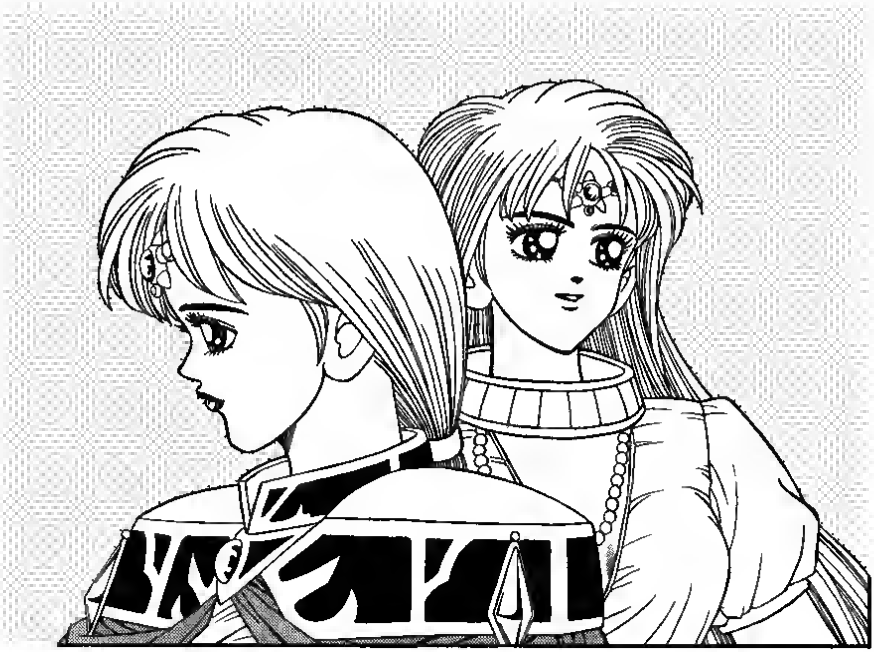

...DON'T WORRY, THE EXPLANATION IS EASY
I DON'T MEAN TO DOUBT YOU SENSEI, BUT...
I'VE BEEN ALIVE THE WHOLE TIME SINCE THAT DAY!!
I DIDN'T DIE
...LIKE LEONA-HIME, THERE WAS SOMETHING I RECEIVED FROM FLORA-SAMA...
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...TH--THIS--!!?
...THIS...
SAVED MY LIFE
...THIS IS "THE CHARM OF CARL"
THIS IS THE ROYAL TREASURE THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY FLORA-SAMA WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO CHALLENGE DEMON KING HADLAR A LONG TIME AGO
IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS SOME SORT OF A PROXY ITEM
THIS WAS SHAT-TERED INSTEAD OF MY LIFE...!




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...AS A RESULT, I WAS ALMOST DEAD, BUT MY LIFE WAS SPARED...

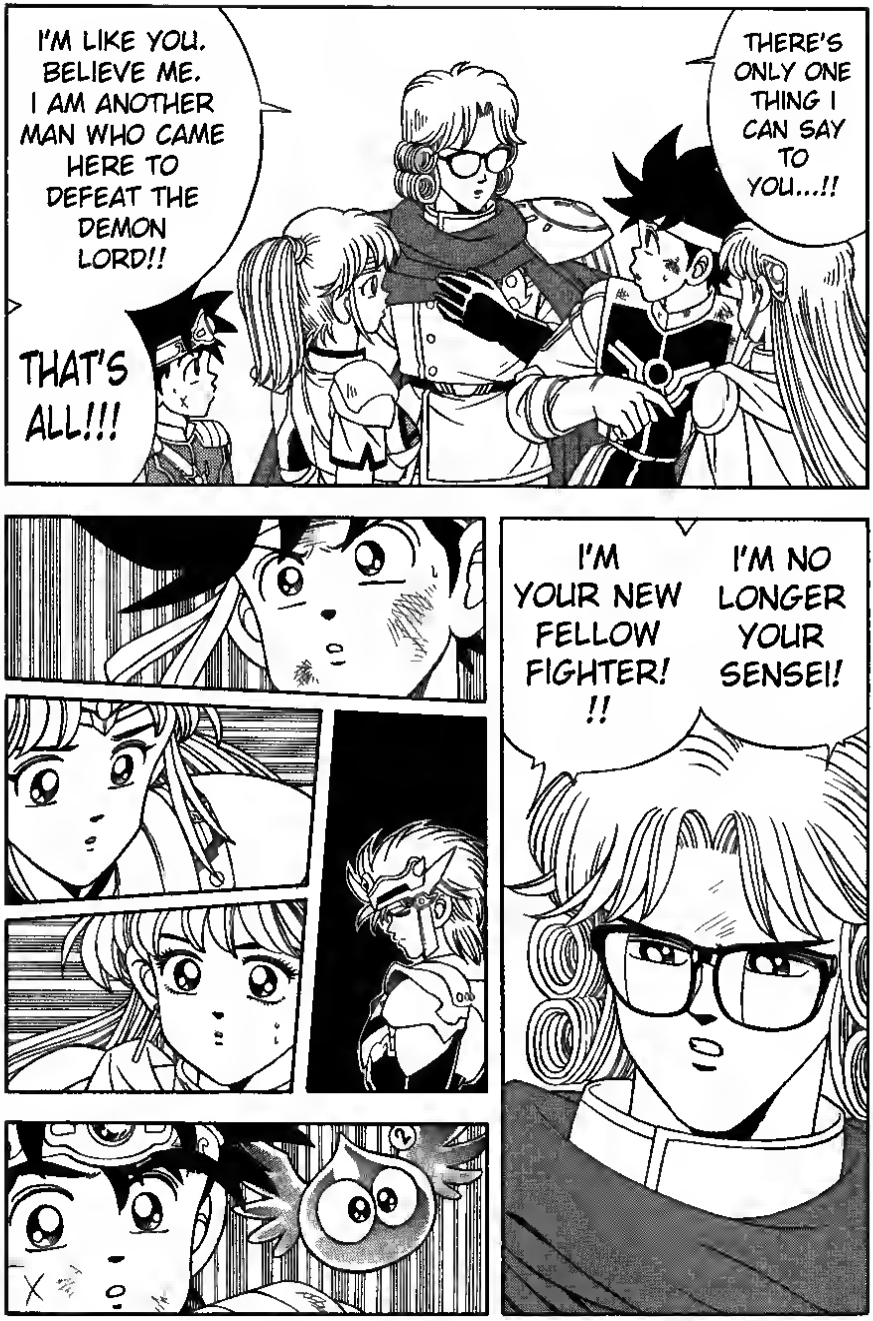



YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING OUR DEATH MATCHES WHILE LOOKING THE OTHER WAY!!?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD...!!
SEN-SEI! !!
THEN!!! WHY HAVEN'T YOU COME TO OUR HELP!!?
WE'VE BEEN TRYING SO HARD TO CONTINUE WHERE YOU LEFT OFF ...!!!
THAT'S TRUE! WE WERE SO SAD AND HURT WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU WERE DEAD!
...THERE WAS A REASON, WASN'T IT, SENSEI?


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I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXPLA-NATION
...OK, EVERY-ONE!
BUT BEFORE THAT...

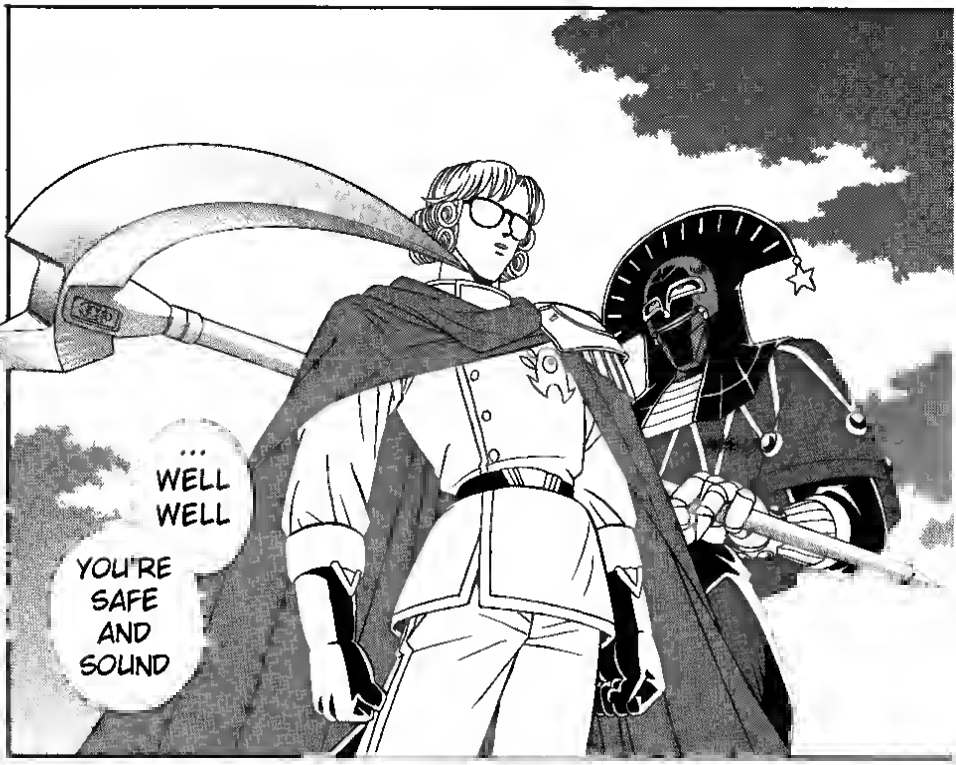


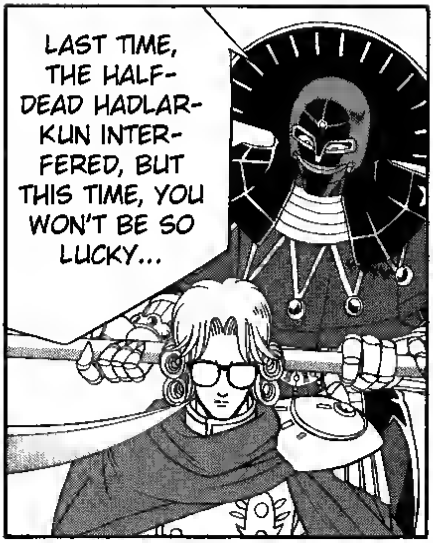
NOTE: HE SAYS THIS IN ENGLISH


I'M LIKE YOU. BELIEVE ME. I AM ANOTHER MAN WHO CAME HERE TO DEFEAT THE DEMON LORD!!
THAT'S ALL!!!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN SAY TO YOU...!!
I'M NO LONGER YOUR SENSEI!
I'M YOUR NEW FELLOW FIGHTER!!

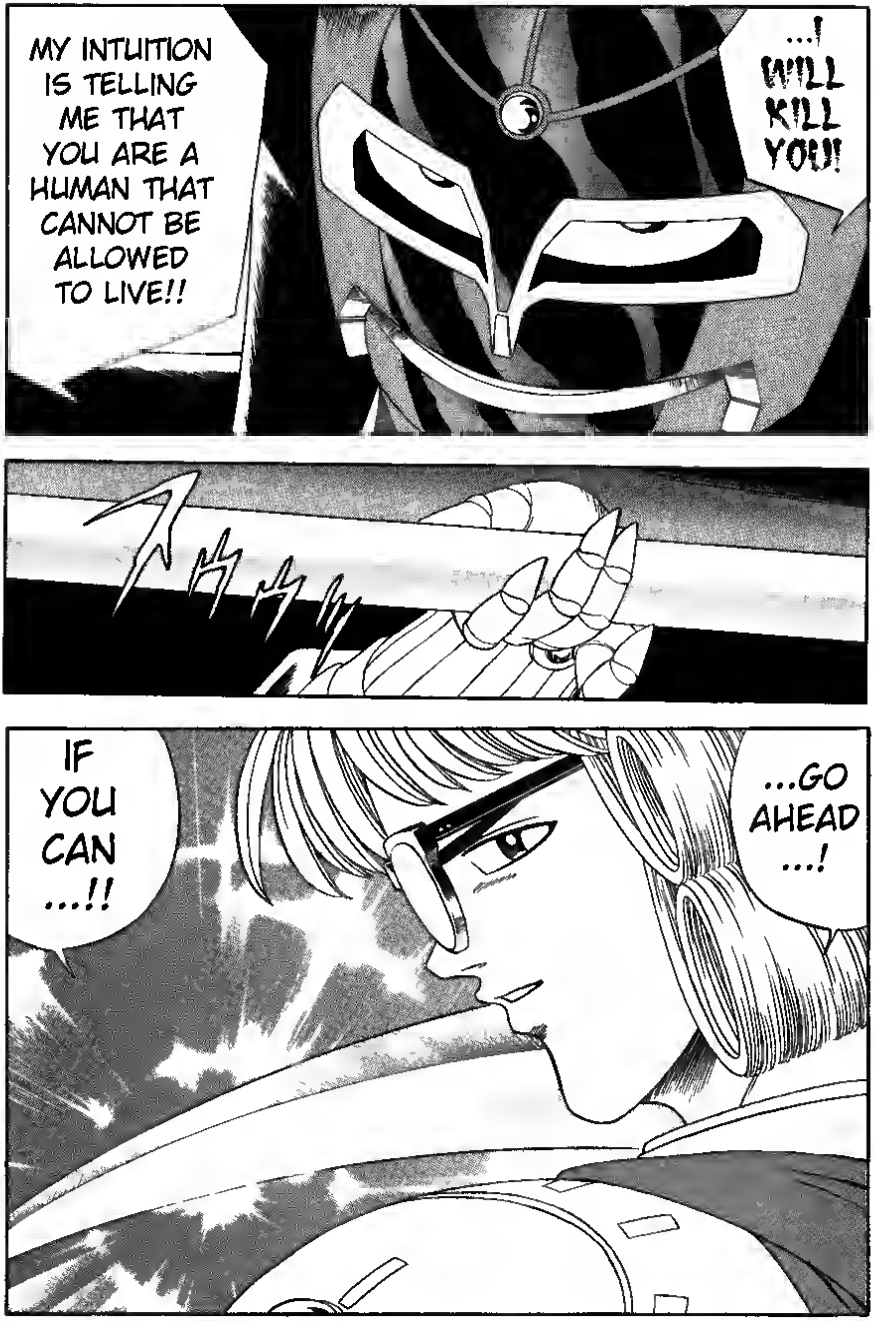

I-I STILL DON'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO RUN...!!
W-- WAIT UP!!


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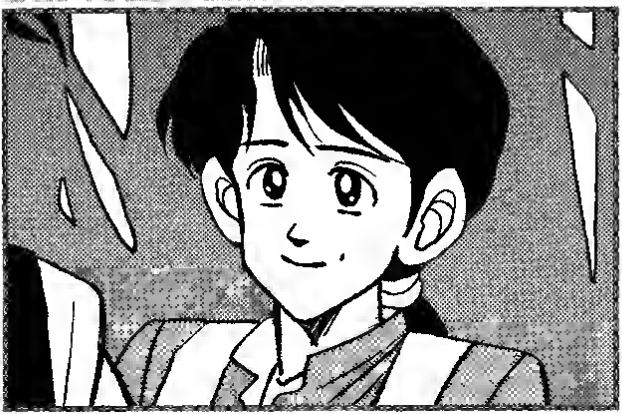

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WELL WELL
YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND


LAST TIME, THE HALF-DEAD HADLAR-KUN INTER-FERED, BUT THIS TIME, YOU WON'T BE SO LUCKY...


I WON'T DIE BY JUST HAVING MY HEART STABBED
KUKU KU... SORRY, BUT I AM INVINCI-BLE...


MY INTUITION IS TELLING ME THAT YOU ARE A HUMAN THAT CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO LIVE!!
...! WILL KILL YOU!
IF YOU CAN ...!!
...GO AHEAD ...!

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ポップの母 スティーヌ STEENUE

POP'S MOM

AGE: 41
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: LANKARKS
FAMILY: HUSBAND - JUNK, SON - POP

COMPLETING JUNK, STEENUE IS QUIET AND KIND AT HEART. SHE IS POP'S MOTHER, AND SHE HAS BEEN WORRIED ABOUT HER SON EVER SINCE HE LEFT FOR HIS TRAINING LIKE A RUNAWAY. UNLIKE HER APPEARANCE, SHE IS STRONG AT HEART. IN THIS RESPECT, POP RESEMBLES HIS MOTHER MORE THAN HIS FATHER.

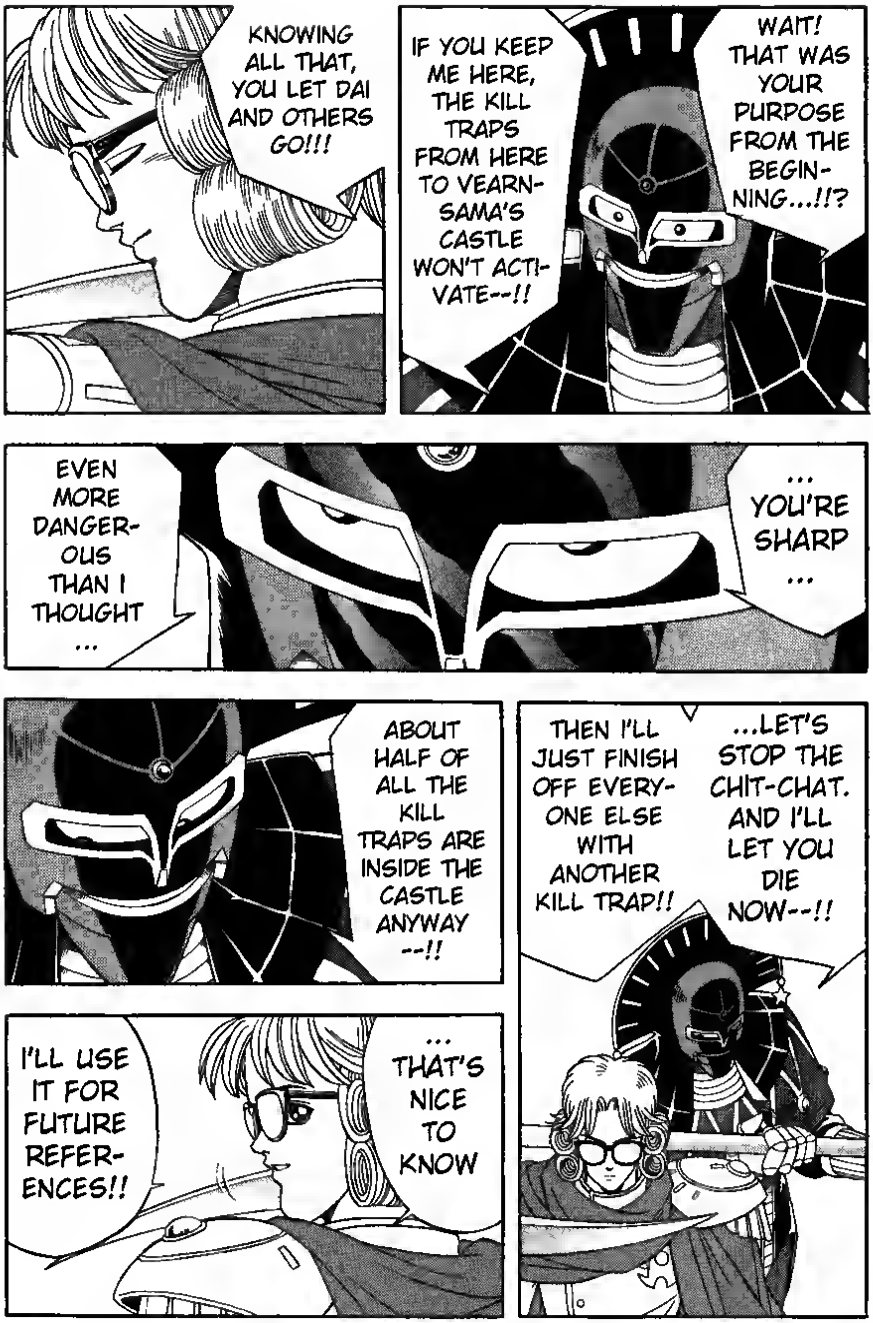
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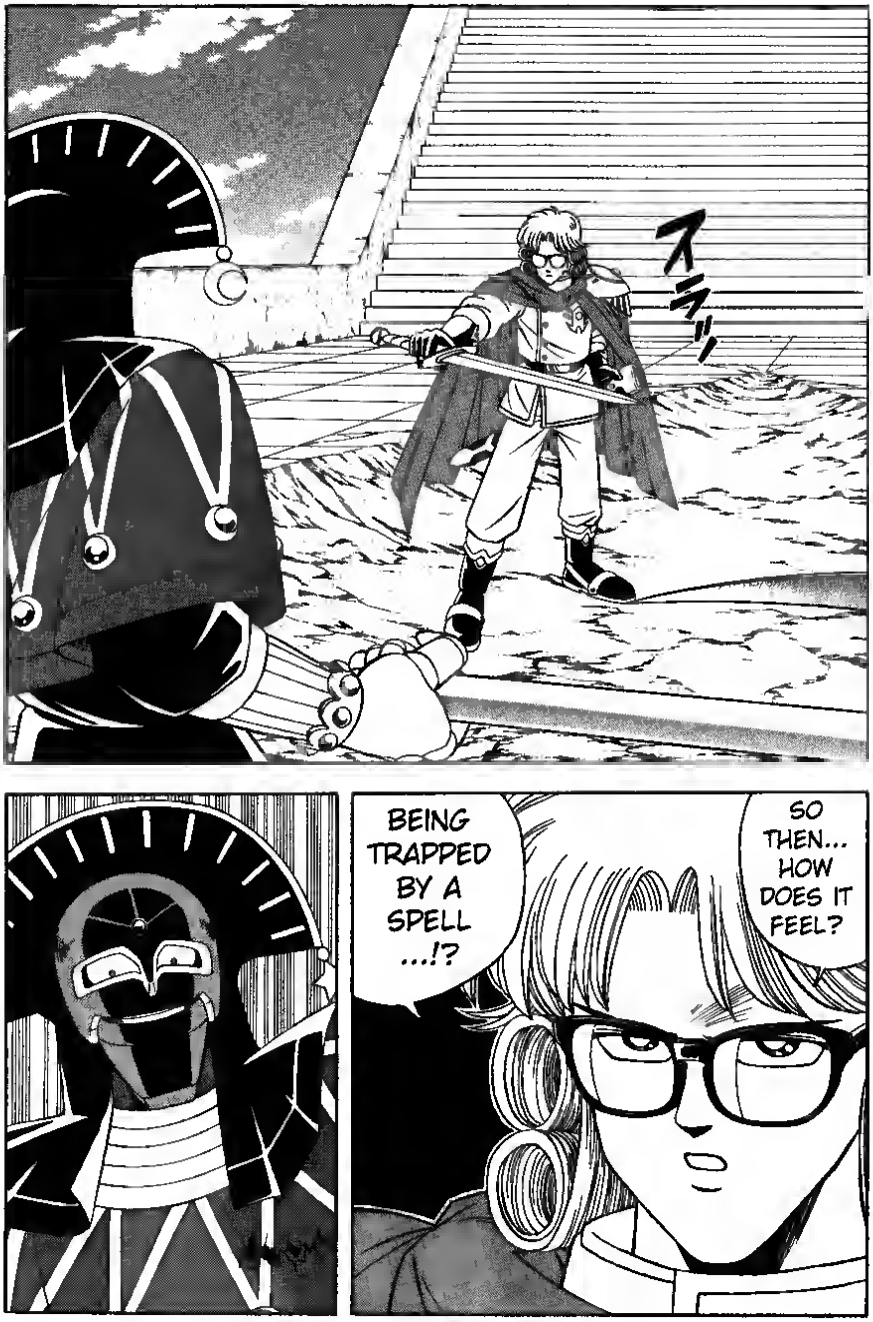

"...GO AHEAD IF YOU CAN..." HUH?
BUT THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS COSTLY --!!
KNOWING THAT I WAS COMING BACK, YOU ASKED DAI-KUN AND THE OTHERS LEAVE. MAYBE YOU HAVE TOO MUCH CONFI-DENCE...

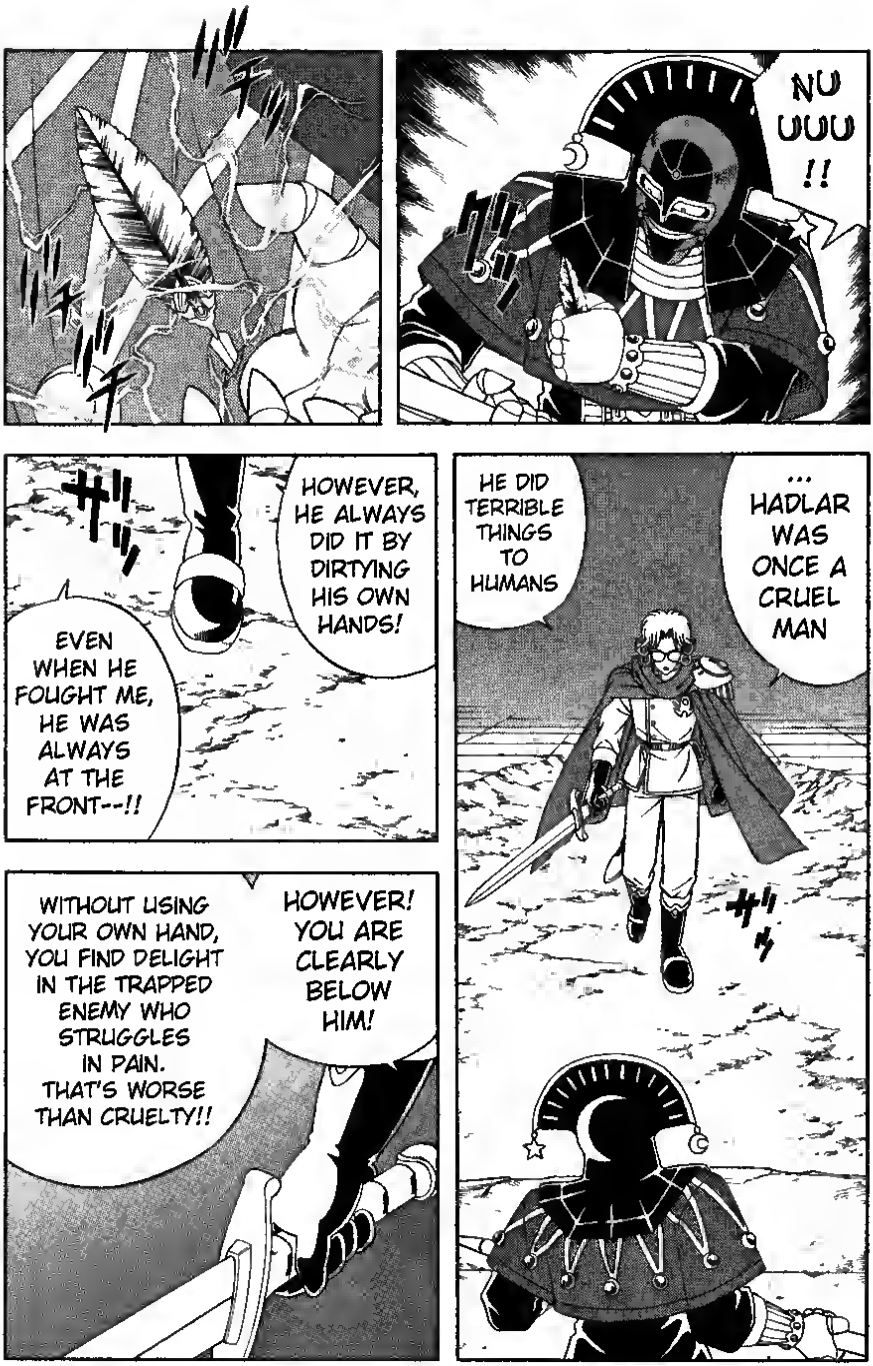

DAI-KUN AND THE OTHERS WILL NOT ADVANCE SAFELY
I RESPECT YOUR POWER FOR BREAKING THE NINE OF DIAMONDS, BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY "KILL TRAP."
...SHINIGAMI-SAN... IS THAT HOW THEY CALL YOU?
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IN ADDITION... I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GET OUT OF YOUR CURRENT PREDICAMENT, EVEN WITH THAT IMPRESSIVE SPELL--!!
...
DO YOUR KILL TRAP THINGS OPERATE ON THEIR OWN...?
B--BASTARD--!!!
BUT YOUR HANDS ARE KINDA TIED UP AT THE MOMENT ...
USUALLY, A SPELL TRAP REQUIRES A MAGICAL TRIGGER FROM THE USER


KNOWING ALL THAT, YOU LET DAI AND OTHERS GO!!!
IF YOU KEEP ME HERE, THE KILL TRAPS FROM HERE TO VEARN-SAMA'S CASTLE WON'T ACTI-VATE--!!
WAIT! THAT WAS YOUR PURPOSE FROM THE BEGIN-NING...!!?
EVEN MORE DANGER-OUS THAN I THOUGHT ...
... YOU'RE SHARP ...
ABOUT HALF OF ALL THE KILL TRAPS ARE INSIDE THE CASTLE ANYWAY --!!
THEN I'LL JUST FINISH OFF EVERY-ONE ELSE WITH ANOTHER KILL TRAP!!
...LET'S STOP THE CHIT-CHAT. AND I'LL LET YOU DIE NOW--!!
I'LL USE IT FOR FUTURE REFER-ENCES!!
... THAT'S NICE TO KNOW

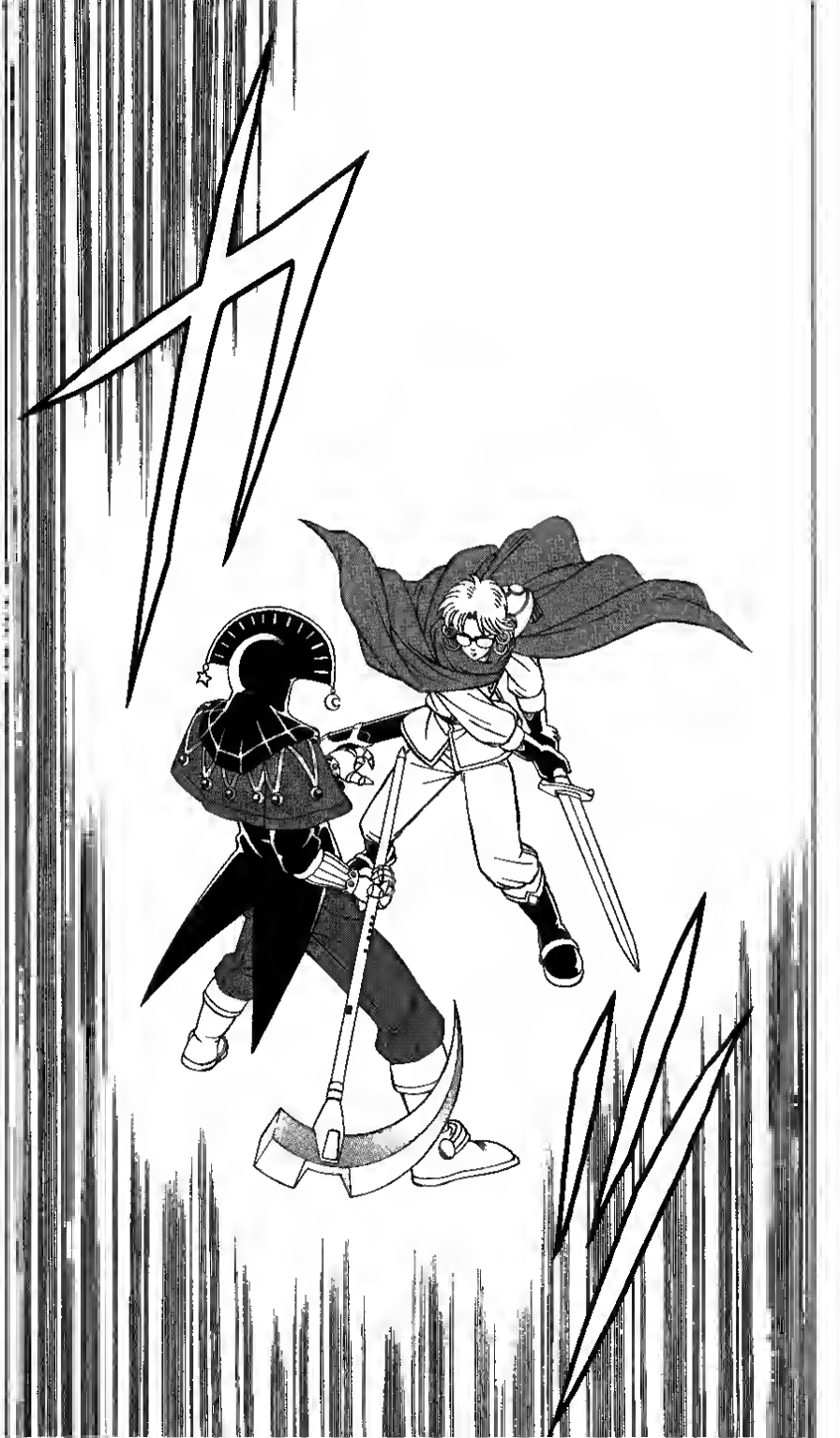

SHUT UP!!!!
I'VE ALREADY SHAVED BEFORE COMING HERE...!!
IF YOU WANT TO SHAVE MY BEARD, I'LL HAVE TO PASS ON THAT


WH-- WHY !!?
MY ARM.... NO... HALF MY BODY ISN'T MOVING ...!!
!!!
THE FIRST TIME YOU FELL...
I STILL FELT YOUR AGGRESSION, SO I PUT IT THERE JUST IN CASE!
TH-- THIS FEATHER ...
WHEN?!

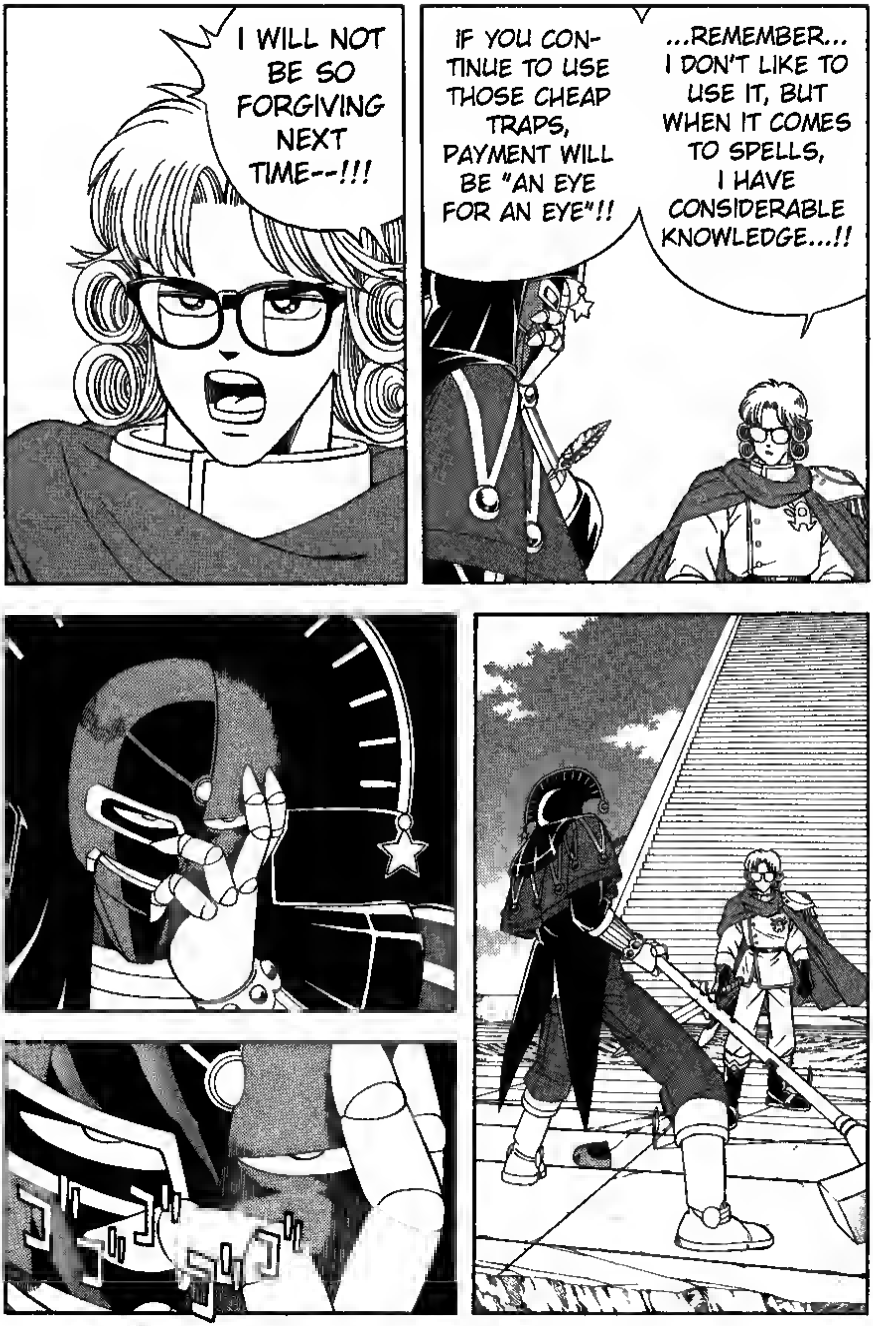

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BEING TRAPPED BY A SPELL ...!?
SO THEN... HOW DOES IT FEEL?


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HOWEVER, HE ALWAYS DID IT BY DIRTYING HIS OWN HANDS!
EVEN WHEN HE FOUGHT ME, HE WAS ALWAYS AT THE FRONT--!!
HE DID TERRIBLE THINGS TO HUMANS
... HADLAR WAS ONCE A CRUEL MAN
HOWEVER! YOU ARE CLEARLY BELOW HIM!
WITHOUT USING YOUR OWN HAND, YOU FIND DELIGHT IN THE TRAPPED ENEMY WHO STRUGGLES IN PAIN. THAT'S WORSE THAN CRUELTY!!


AT LEAST HADLAR HAD IT--!!
THE MINIMUM STANDARD FOR A BATTLE... THAT IS, PRIDE AS A WARRIOR
THIS IS FOR HIS ANGER !!!!
...THIS ONE... IS FOR HADLAR WHO PASSED BEFORE ME...

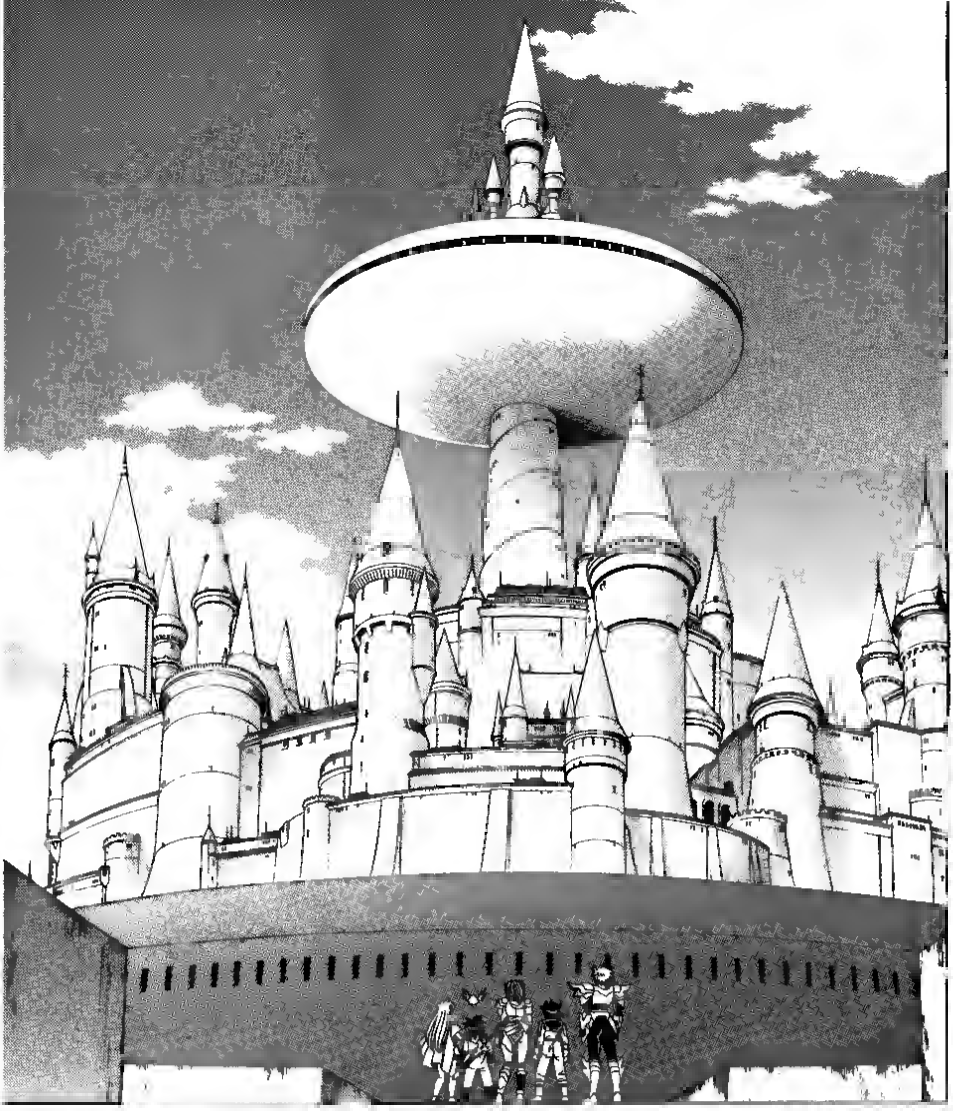


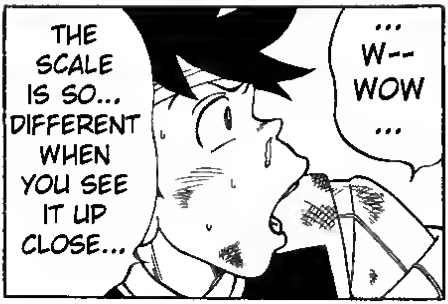

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AHH!
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I WILL NOT BE SO FORGIVING NEXT TIME--!!!
IF YOU CONTINUE TO USE THOSE CHEAP TRAPS, PAYMENT WILL BE "AN EYE FOR AN EYE"!!
...REMEMBER... I DON'T LIKE TO USE IT, BUT WHEN IT COMES TO SPELLS, I HAVE CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE...!!
SFX. GOGOGOGO (TREMBLING)


...?
IT IS YOU ...
WHO SHOULD REMEMBER...
...I WILL DEFINITELY KILL YOU
...WITH MY OWN HAND ...
DEFINITELY ...
DEFINITELY ...
...THAT... IS A PROMISE !!!


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SFX: FUU (PUFF)




THE SCALE IS SO... DIFFERENT WHEN YOU SEE IT UP CLOSE...
...W--WOW...


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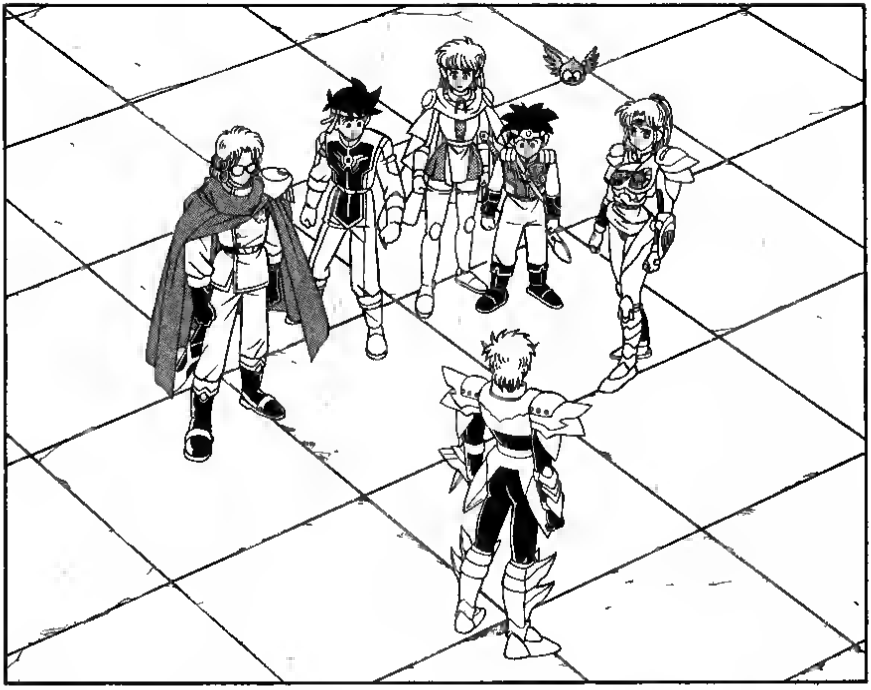

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UWAAA!!!
WOOOOW! IT REALLY IS HUMONGOUS HUH!!!?
HAHAHA! I WAS ACTUALLY FOLLOWING RIGHT BEHIND YOU!!
HOW'D YOU GET HERE SO QUICK!!!
SE--SEN-SEI!
WE-WE RAN AS FAST AS WE COULD!!!
...SOMETHING IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OLD AVAN!
...IT'S LIKE HE POSSESSES SOME NEW POWER...!!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, HE DEFINITELY STAYED BEHIND AT LEAST FOR SOME TIME...!!
NO... HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING US; I WAS PAYING ATTENTION TO SEE IF ANYONE WAS BEHIND US AND I FELT NO ONE.


!!!
ALL RIGHT, EVERY-ONE!!
THE NEXT ASSIGN-MENT IS...!
H-- HE'S BEEN ...!!!
TH-- THAT'S IT!!! I UNDER-STAND NOW WHAT'S HAP-PENED TO HIM!!!


UH! !?
... THAT'S ENOUGH !!
H-- HYUN-KEL ...!
I CAN SEE THROUGH YOU COM-PLETELY ...!!
... DON'T PLAY DUMB!

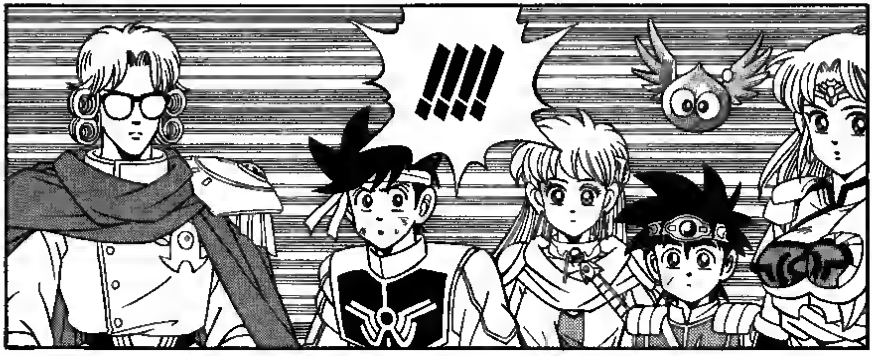


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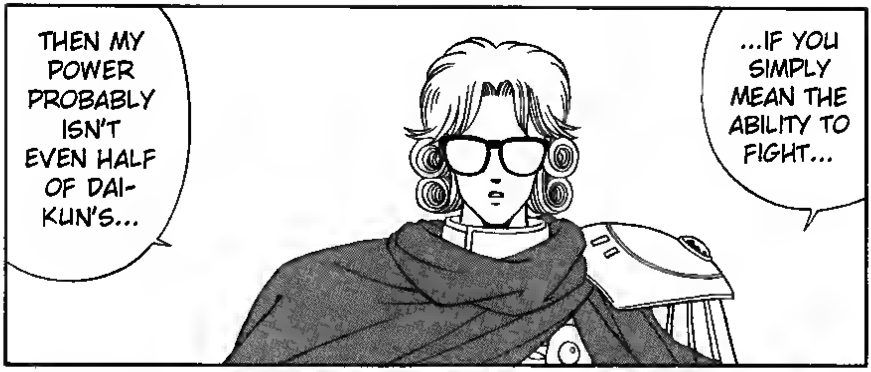

HE WILL ONLY WASTE HIS LIFE BY JOINING THIS FIGHT!!
AVAN IS WEAK!!
...IT MEANS EXACTLY HOW IT SOUNDS...

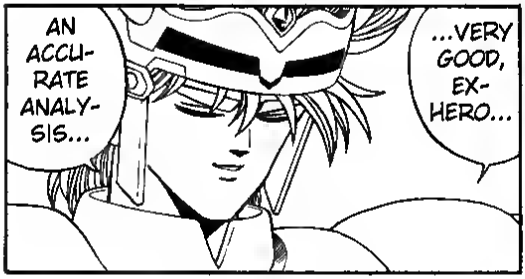

WHY'RE YOU SUDDENLY SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT...!!?
WH--WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YOU CAN SEE THROUGH HIM"...

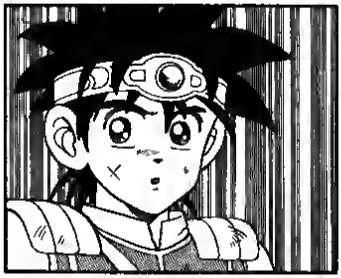

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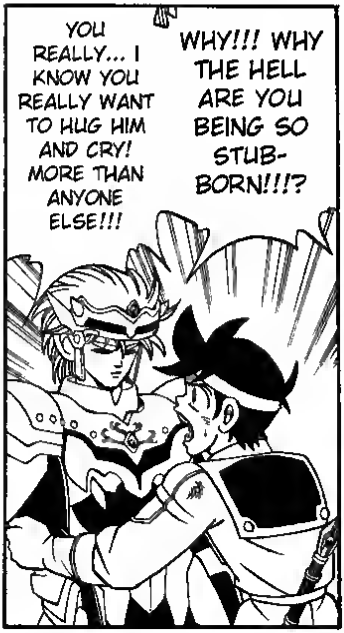

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT TO OUR SENSEI WHO CAME TO HELP US...!!?
TH--THAT'S RIGHT!!
WH--WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, HYUNKEL!!
...EEH...!!?
DO YOU THINK AVAN'S POWER IS GOING TO BE USEFUL AGAINST VEARN OR MYST-VEARN!!?
...THEN LET ME ASK YOU THIS...
HE IS FAR INFERIOR TO THE NEW HADLAR WHO REPEATEDLY GAINED LEVELS AND BECAME A HYPER DEMON!!
NOW THAT OUR BATTLE HAS ADVANCED TO THIS LEVEL, WHAT GOOD WILL THE LIKES OF AVAN DO!!?
HE EVEN LOST TO THE OLD HADLAR


THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OUR CURRENT LEVELS AND THAT OF AVAN...
AVAN DIDN'T FOLLOW THE SAME TRAINING AS WE DID; HE DIDN'T FIGHT THOSE HORRIBLE ENEMIES THAT WE ENCOUNTERED
...EARLIER YOU SAW HADLAR VIRTUALLY ON THE BRINK OF DEATH... DO YOU THINK HE IS SOMEONE YOU COULD DEFEAT?
CAN YOU EVEN IMAGINE THE POWER DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN YOU AND DAI RIGHT NOW...?
...AGAINST THAT HADLAR... OUR CURRENT HERO DAI FOUGHT ALONE AND WON--!!

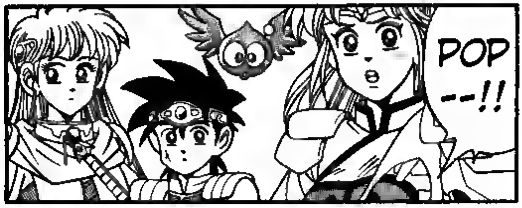

THEN MY POWER PROBABLY ISN'T EVEN HALF OF DAI-KUN'S...
...IF YOU SIMPLY MEAN THE ABILITY TO FIGHT...


AN ACCU-RATE ANALY-SIS...
...VERY GOOD, EX-HERO...



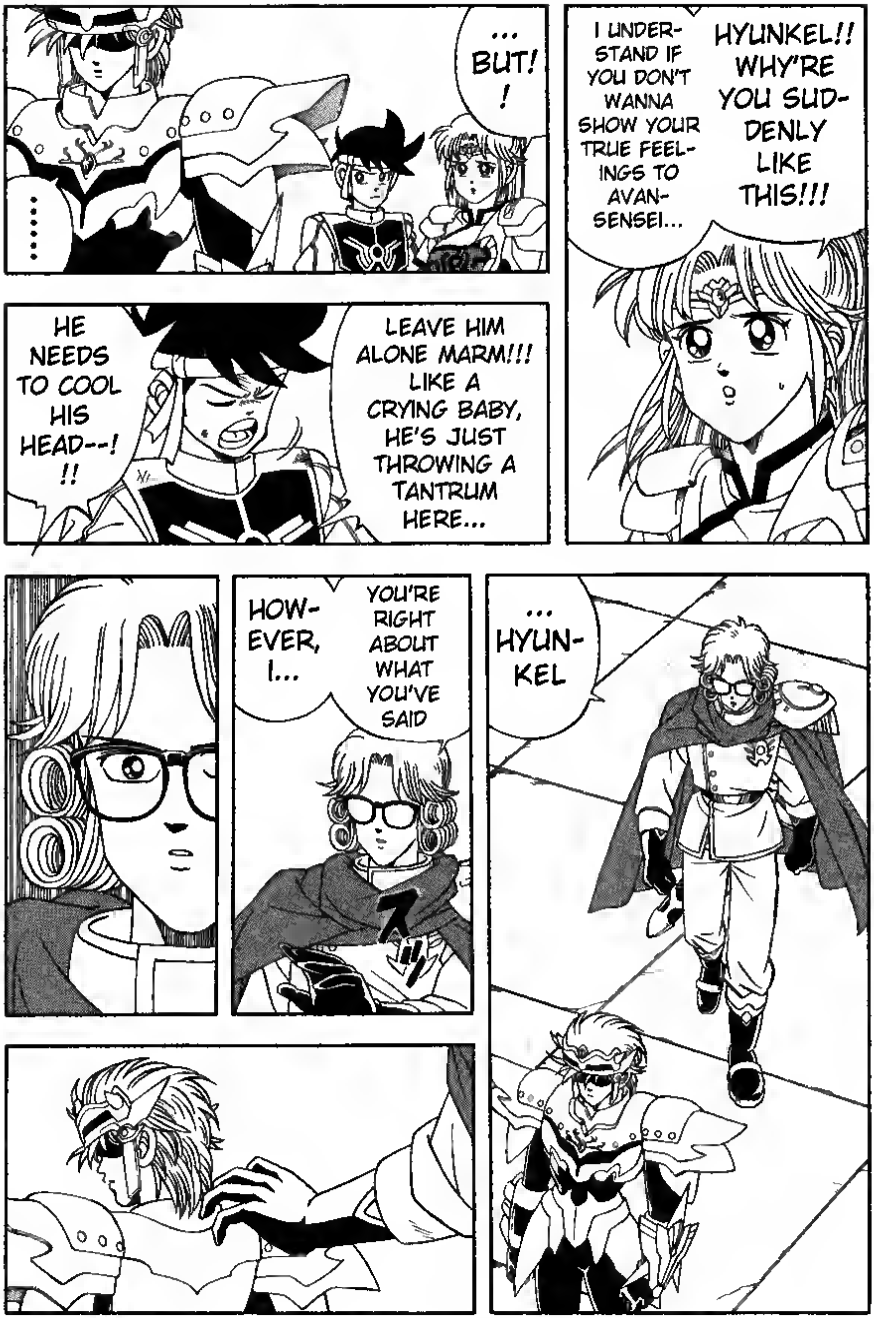

YOU REALLY... I KNOW YOU REALLY WANT TO HUG HIM AND CRY! MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE!!!
WHY!!! WHY THE HELL ARE YOU BEING SO STUB-BORN!!!?

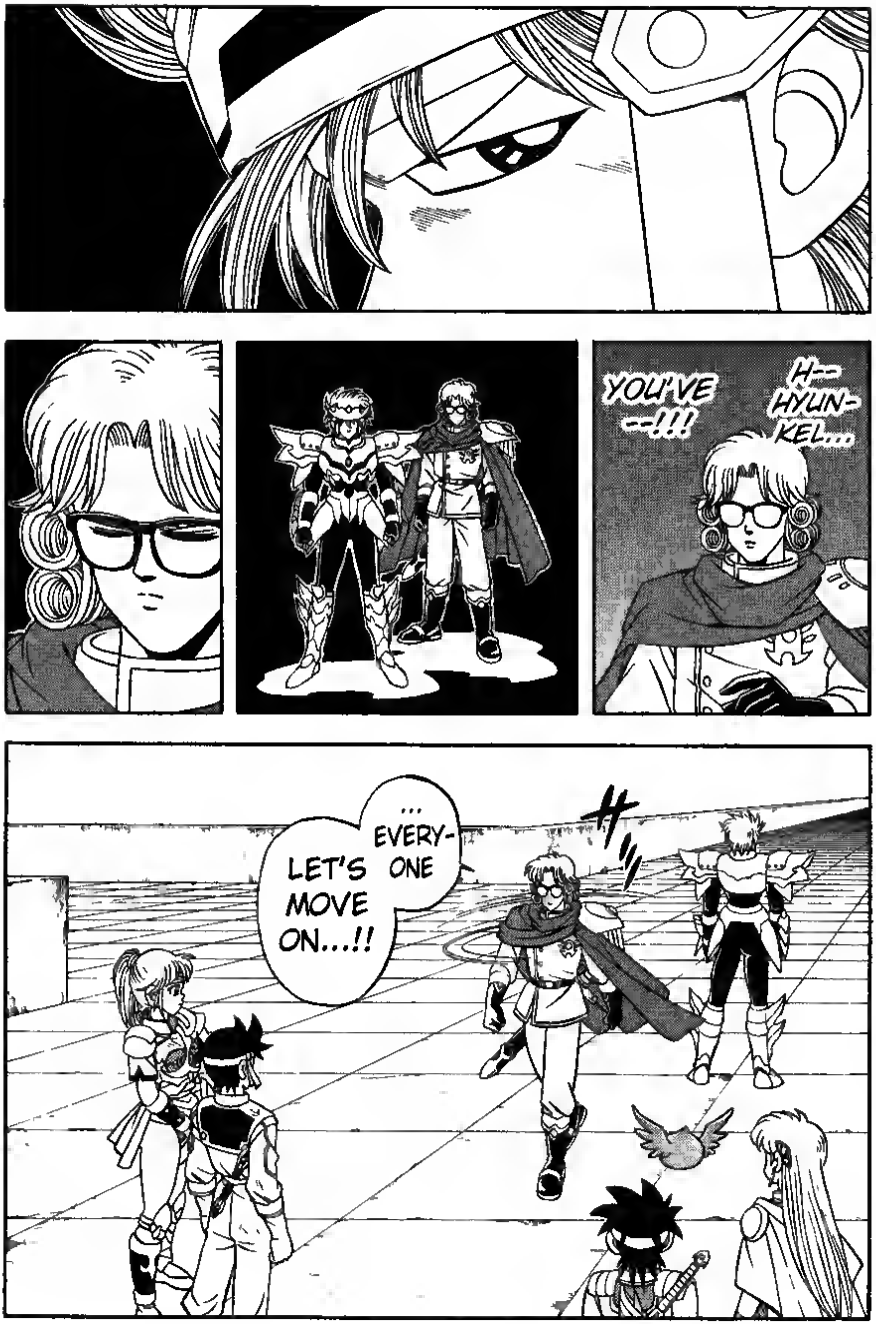

STOP IT! !!!


POP --!!

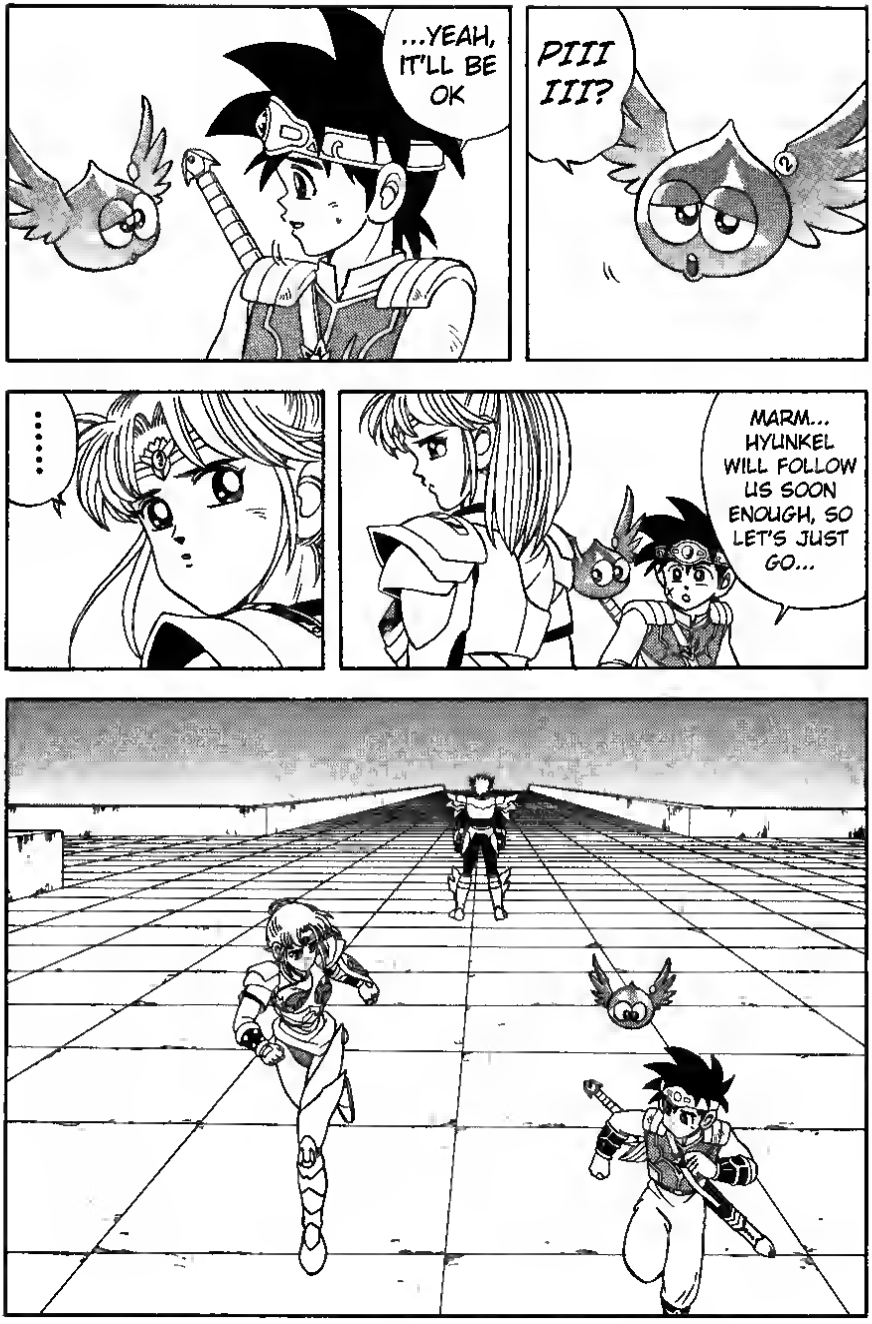

...SENTIMENT ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH TO WIN...!
SENSEI CAME TO HELP US--!! THAT SENTIMENT ALONE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT--!!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT THE POWER DIFFERENTIAL IS!!
THE CURRENT AVAN IS NOT ONLY WEAKER THAN DAI OR ME... HE IS INFERIOR TO YOU AS WELL...!!
...I'M JUST TELLING YOU THE REALITY OF THINGS
WH--!!
YOU SON OF A--!!!

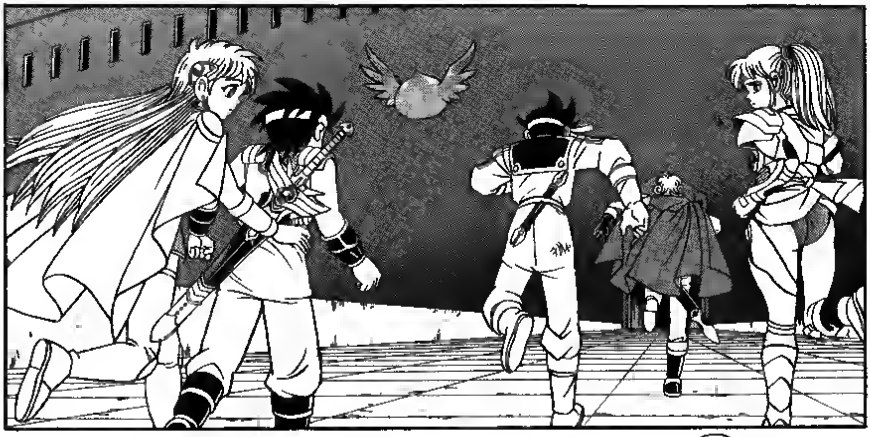

M--
MARM...
YOU...
!!
STOP
IT!!
...ANYWAY...!
I WON'T PUT
UP WITH
SOMEBODY
LIKE HIM TO
TAKE THE
LEADERSHIP
ROLE--!!
IF YOU
ALL WANT
TO GO ON
WITH AVAN,
THEN I WON'T
GO ANY
FARTHER!!


...
BUT!
!
.....
HYUNKEL!! WHY'RE YOU SUDDENLY LIKE THIS!!!
I UNDERSTAND IF YOU DON'T WANNA SHOW YOUR TRUE FEELINGS TO AVANSENSEI...
LEAVE HIM ALONE MARM!!! LIKE A CRYING BABY, HE'S JUST THROWING A TANTRUM HERE...
HE NEEDS TO COOL HIS HEAD--!!!
...
HYUNKEL
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE SAID
HOWEVER, I...


YOU'VE --!!!
H-- HYUN-KEL...
...
EVERY-ONE
LET'S MOVE ON...!!


B-BUT SENSEI !!!
WHAT !!?
IF THIS IS WHAT HE WISHES, WE MUST LET HIM BE....
...I'D... LIKE TO RESPECT HYUN-KEL'S WILL


...YEAH, IT'LL BE OK
PIII III?
.....
MARM... HYUNKEL WILL FOLLOW US SOON ENOUGH, SO LET'S JUST GO...

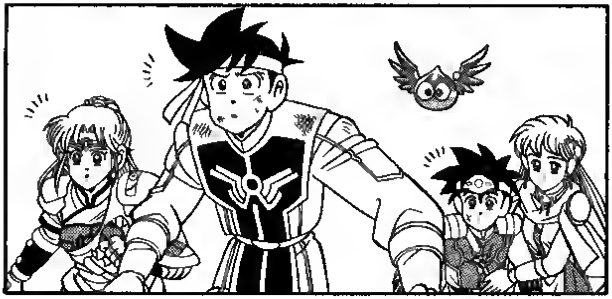



HE'S JUST BEING SELF-ISH...!!
HAAH
IT'S HIS PROB-LEM
HAAH


YE... YEAH ...
HAAH
... YOU'RE STILL LOOKING BACK...!?
HAAH

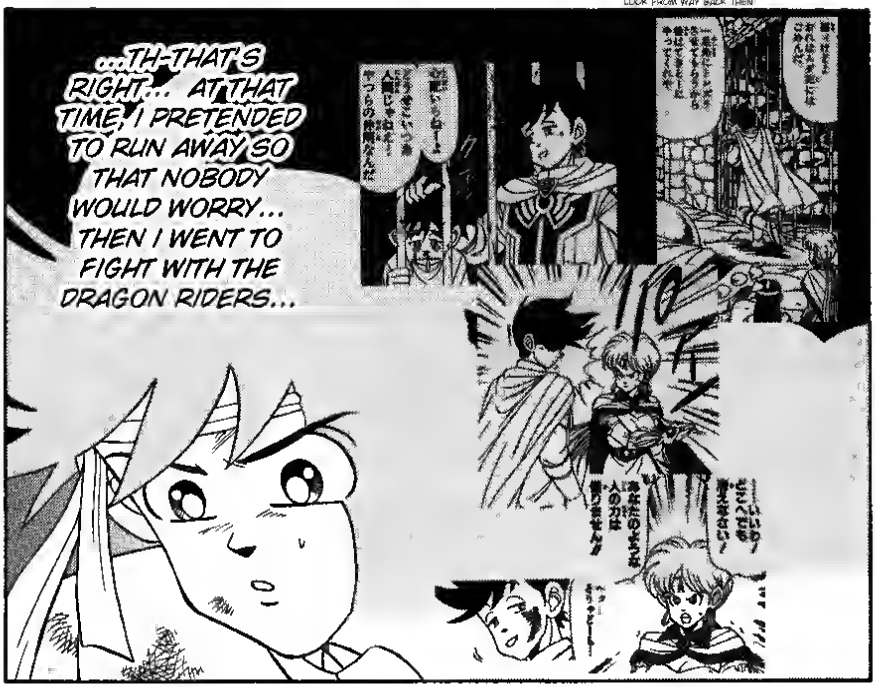

... THAT'S RIGHT ...!

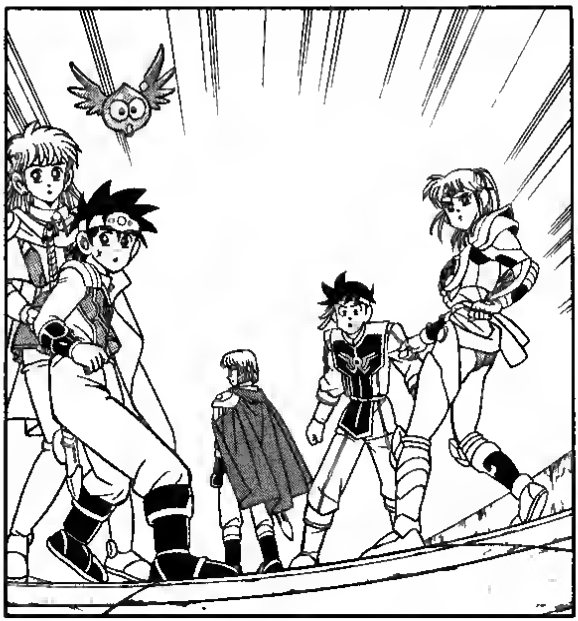

BUT... I DON'T THINK HYUNKEL SAID THINGS JUST FOR HIS SAKE...

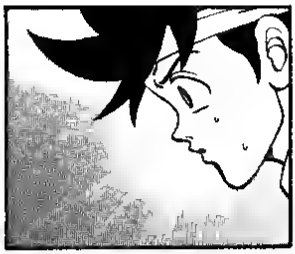



WHEN WE APPROACH THAT DOOR...
HYUNKEL WILL BE ATTACKED BY A MYRIAD OF ENEMIES--!!
WH--WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SEN-SEI!!?
...ARE YOU READY?
WH--WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SENSEI!!?
HAAH
HAAH
!!!
YOU'VE ACTED THIS SAME WAY ONCE AGAINST THOSE DRAGON RIDERS--!!!
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YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD UNDER-STAND HOW HE FEELS--!!!
STOP BEING STUPID, POP-KUN!!

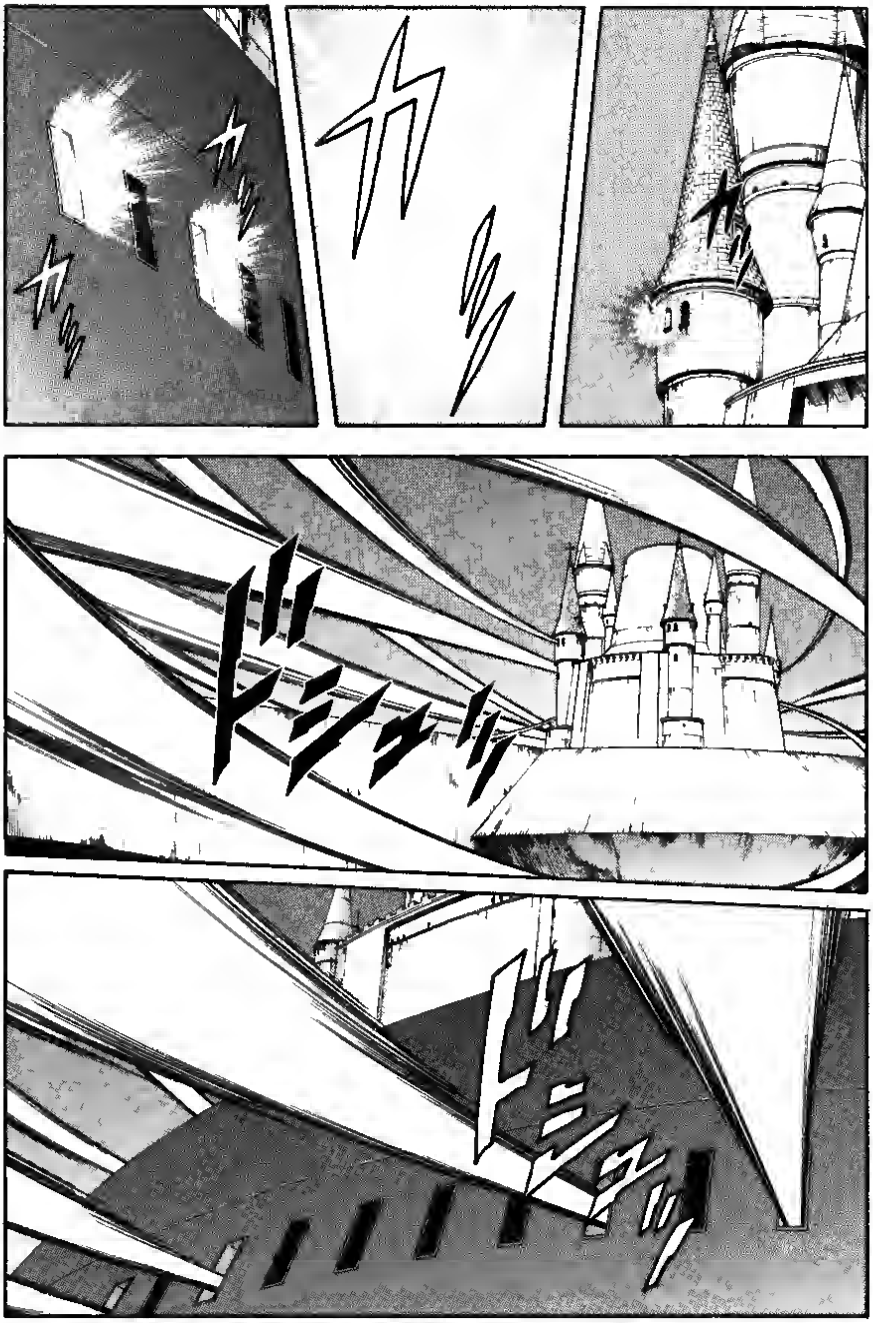
EDITOR NOTE: WOW. LOOK AT HOW DIFFERENT THEIR FACES LOOK FROM WAY BACK THEN.





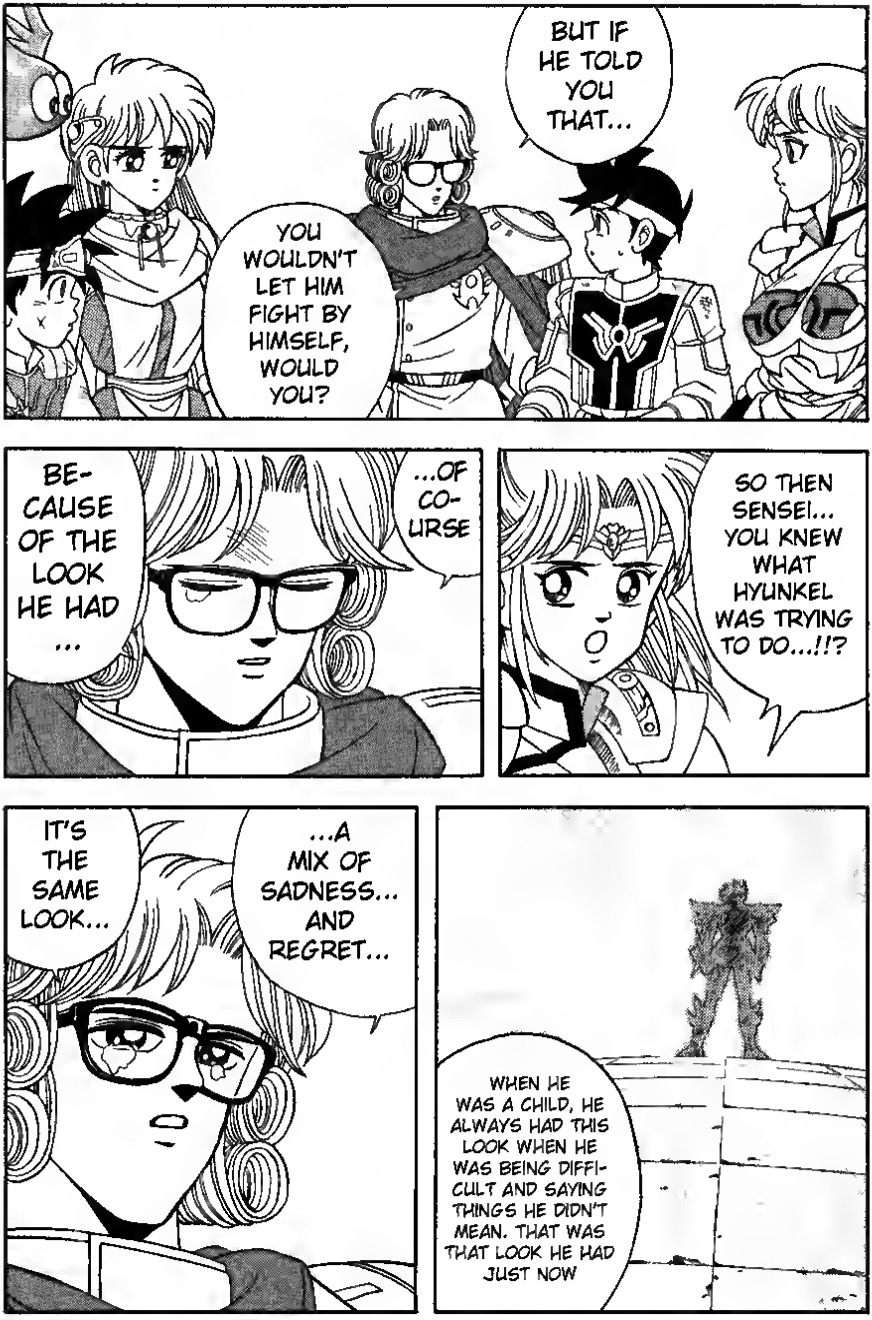





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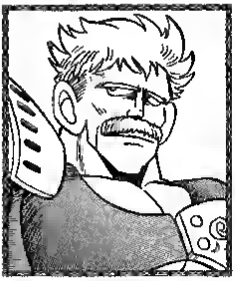

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PLEASE UNDERSTAND WHAT HE WAS REALLY TRYING TO SAY POP...
TH-- THAT STUPID IDIOT!!!
HYUNKEL REALIZED MY TRUE POWER. THAT'S WHY HE THOUGHT THAT I AM NEEDED TO ADVANCE INTO VEARN PALACE... THAT'S WHY HE DECIDED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE ROLE OF HOLDING OFF THE ADVANCING ENEMY


BUT IF HE TOLD YOU THAT...
YOU WOULDN'T LET HIM FIGHT BY HIMSELF, WOULD YOU?
...OF CO-URSE
BE-CAUSE OF THE LOOK HE HAD ...
SO THEN SENSEI... YOU KNEW WHAT HYUNKEL WAS TRYING TO DO...!!?
...A MIX OF SADNESS... AND REGRET...
IT'S THE SAME LOOK...
WHEN HE WAS A CHILD, HE ALWAYS HAD THIS LOOK WHEN HE WAS BEING DIFFI-CULT AND SAYING THINGS HE DIDN'T MEAN. THAT WAS THAT LOOK HE HAD JUST NOW


YOU'LL NEVER GET THROUGH ME--!
...BRING IT--!

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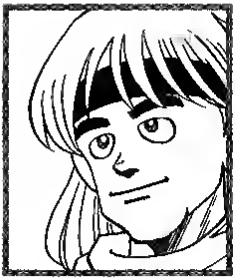
ラーバ LARVA

- AGE: 29
- OCCUPATION: FIGHTER
- LARVA IS ONE OF THE BEST EIGHT IN THE ROMOS MARTIAL ART CHAMPIONSHIP. HE IS A BIG FIGHTER WITH MONSTROUS STRENGTH. HE LATER JOINED THE FINAL BATTLE!

ゴメス GOMESS

- AGE: 26
- OCCUPATION: WRESTLER
- GOMESS IS A WRESTLING EXPERT WHO IS ALSO ONE OF THE BEST EIGTHT IN THE ROMOS MARTIAL ART CHAMPIONSHIP. SINCE THE CHAMPIONSHIP, HE HAS A STRANGE RELATIONSHIP WITH CHIU...

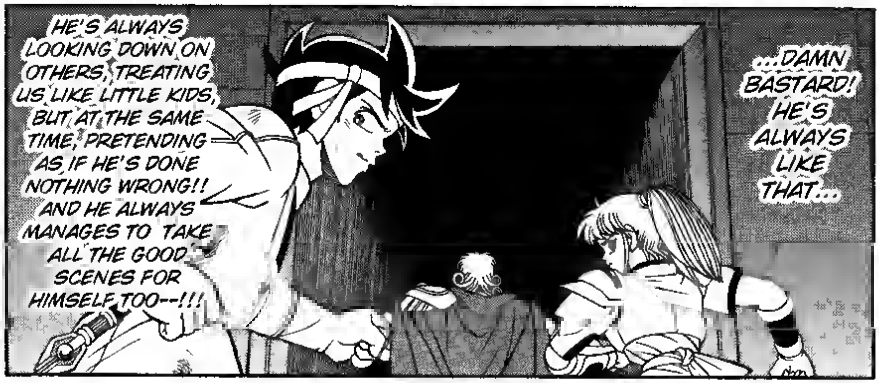


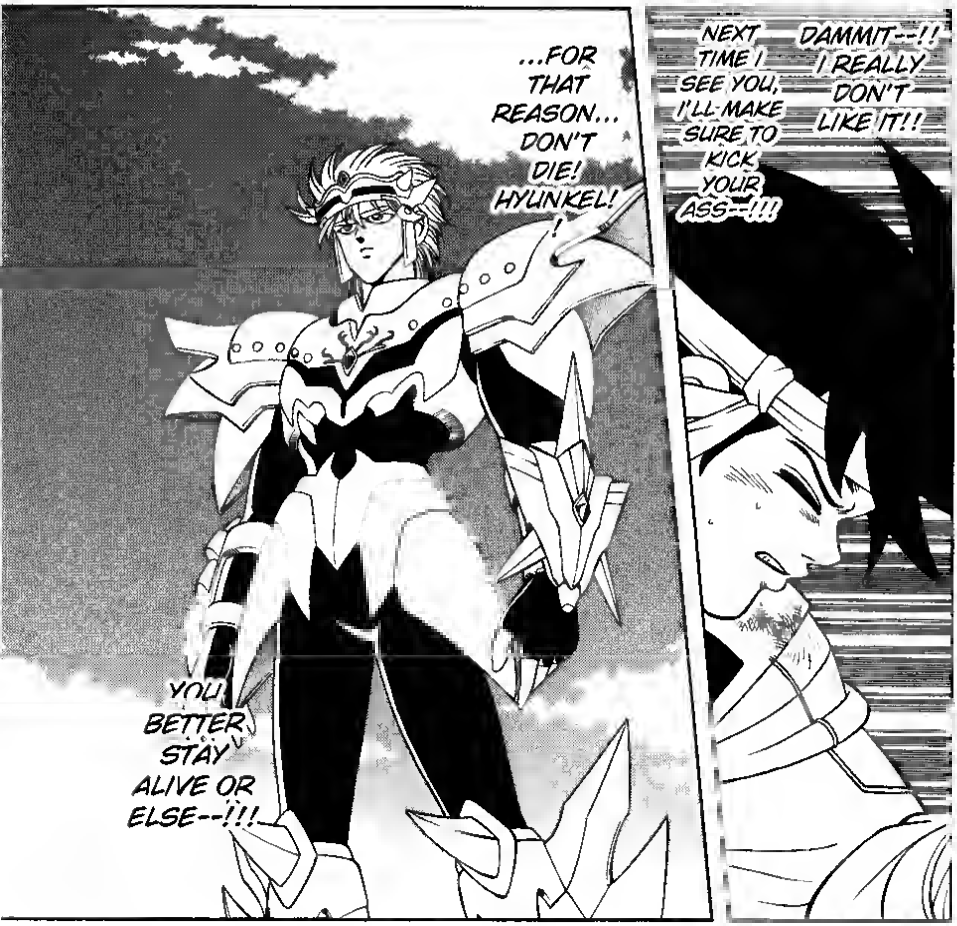


スタングル STANGLUE

- AGE: 15
- OCCUPATION: APPRENTICE LUMBERJACK
- STANGLUE IS ANOTHER BEST EIGHT AT THE ROMOS MARTIAL ART CHAMPIONSHIP. THIS BOY IS MASTERFUL WITH HIS WHIPS.

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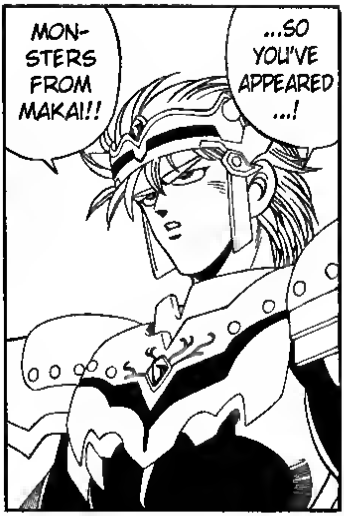




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HAAAAAAAA!!!!


I'D ALMOST SAY YOU HAVE SOME GUTS TO FACE US ALONE... BUT...
...GU FU FU...


MON-STERS FROM MAKAI!!
...SO YOU'VE APPEARED ...!


KAHA KAKA KAKA KAA!!!
THIS GUY'S AN IDIOT!!!


...!?


EVEN WE CAN ONLY STAY IN THE OUTER AREAS!!!


THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN HOLD OFF THIS MANY!!!


NOBODY CAN EVER GET INSIDE THAT CASTLE!!
THAT'S NOT ALL!!

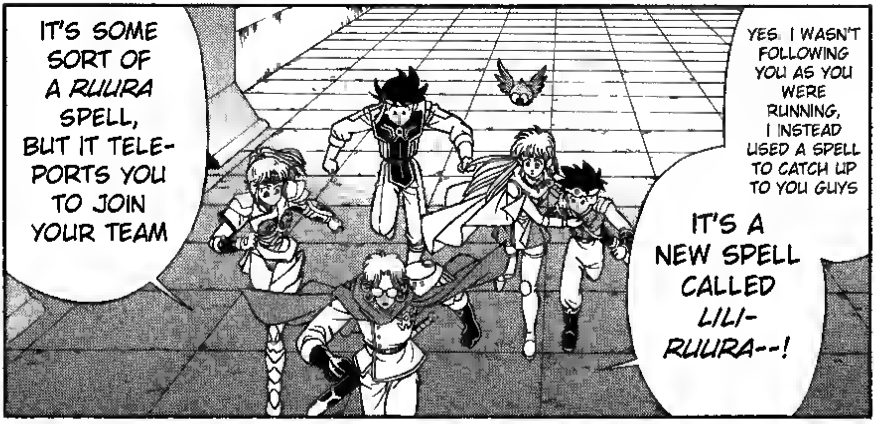

WHAT !!?
THEN THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ...!
... FU... IS THAT ALL...?
FOR ONE, I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU ALL...
THOSE WHO WENT AHEAD WILL NOT BE STOPPED BY ANY OBSTACLES...
AND TWO ...
I'LL SHRED YOU TO PIECES!!
B-- BRAT --!!!

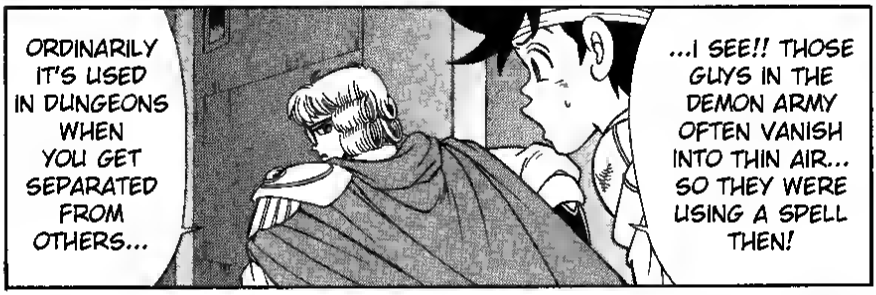

GET HIM!!!!

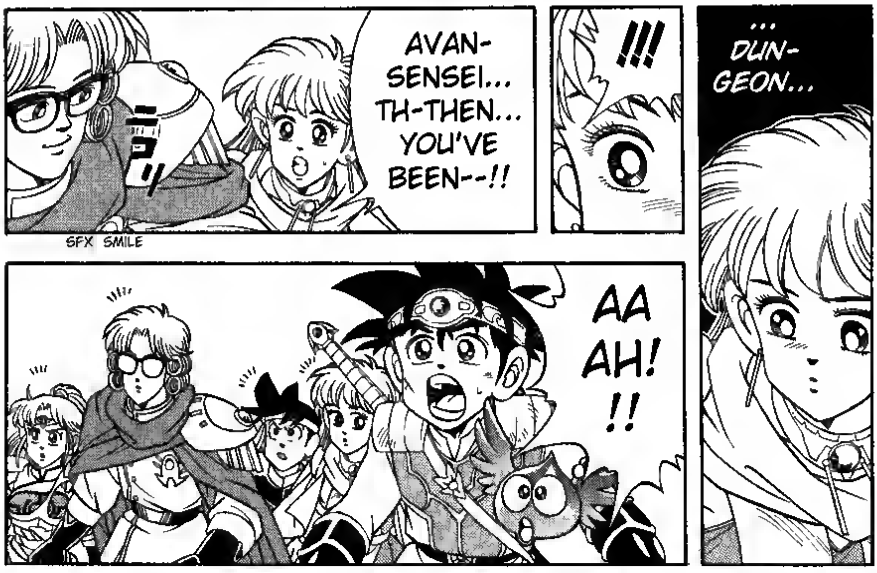


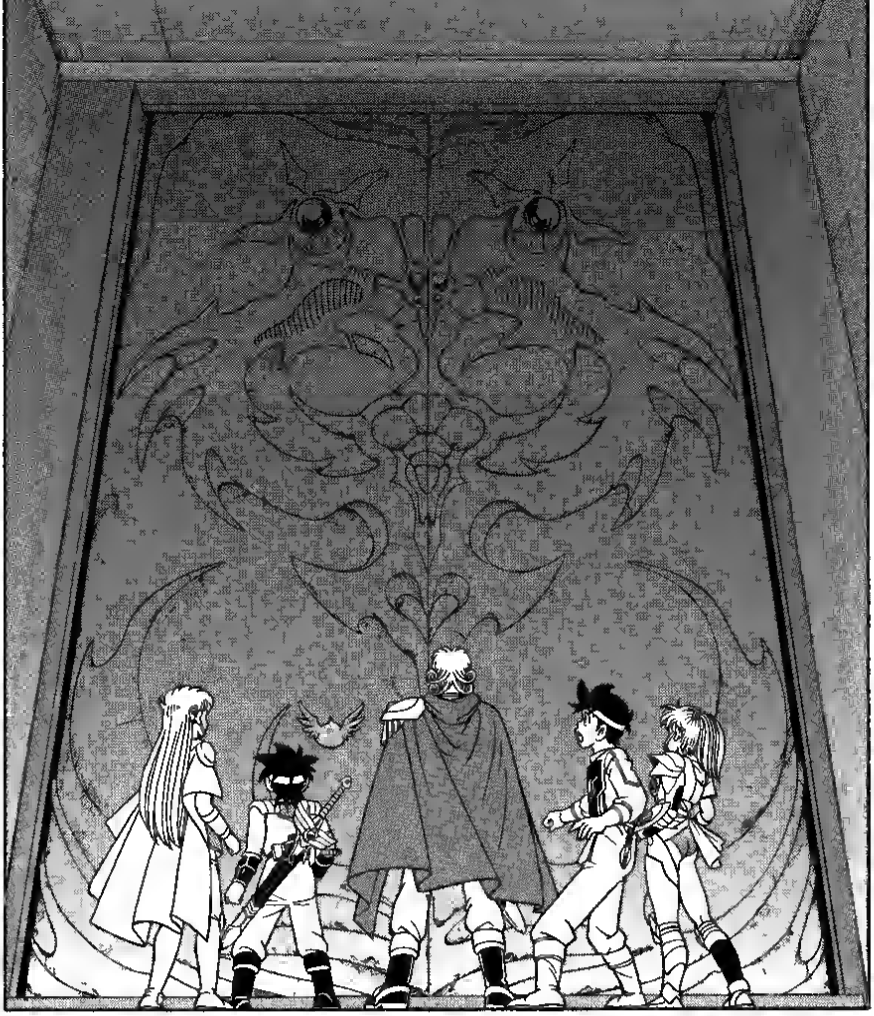

WH--
WHY
YOU!
!!
...IF YOU'RE GONNA ATTACK AT ONCE, I'D RECOMMEND AT LEAST TEN AT A TIME--!!!
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YOU THINK HYUNKEL IS ALL RIGHT?
LOOKS LIKE THEY STARTED ...


WHAT !!?
...IT LOOKS LIKE HE STILL REMEMBERS EVERYTHING I TAUGHT HIM, EVEN THOUGH HE WAS TRAINING TO KILL ME AS HIS FATHER'S ENEMY...
THE MOST DANGEROUS THING IS TO BE ATTACKED FROM BOTH SIDES WHILE YOU ARE TIRED FROM FIGHTING THE ENEMY IN THE FRONT ...!!
HYUNKEL WAS FOLLOWING MY GOLDEN RULE FOR ENTERING AN ENEMY LAIR. WHEN YOU ATTACK THE ENEMY LAIR, YOU NEED TO WORRY AS MUCH ABOUT THE ONES THAT ARE FOLLOWING THAN THE ONES THAT STAND IN FRONT OF YOU...!!
EARLIER, I WAS GOING TO COVER THE BACK BY HOLDING THAT SHINIGAMI, BUT...
THAT'S WHY WHEN YOU PUT TOGETHER A TEAM, YOU NEED THE STRONGEST MEMBERS IN BOTH THE FRONT AND THE BACK!
...THAT MAKES A LOT OF SENSE ...
SO THEN ...
...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HYUNKEL NOTICED IT. THAT'S WHY HE VOLUNTEERED TO HOLD OF THE ENEMY FROM BEHIND INSTEAD OF ME
WHAT!!? SHINIGAMI KILL-VEARN!? YOU...!!?


IT'S SOME SORT OF A *RUURA* SPELL, BUT IT TELE-PORTS YOU TO JOIN YOUR TEAM
YES. I WASN'T FOLLOWING YOU AS YOU WERE RUNNING, I INSTEAD USED A SPELL TO CATCH UP TO YOU GUYS
IT'S A NEW SPELL CALLED *LILI-RUURA--!*


ORDINARILY IT'S USED IN DUNGEONS WHEN YOU GET SEPARATED FROM OTHERS...
...I SEE!! THOSE GUYS IN THE DEMON ARMY OFTEN VANISH INTO THIN AIR... SO THEY WERE USING A SPELL THEN!


AVAN-SENSEI... TH-THEN... YOU'VE BEEN--!!
SFX SMILE
!!!
... DUN-GEON...
AA AH! !!




IS THAT THE ONE THAT YOU AND YOUR FATHER WORKED TOGETHER TO DESTROY!!?

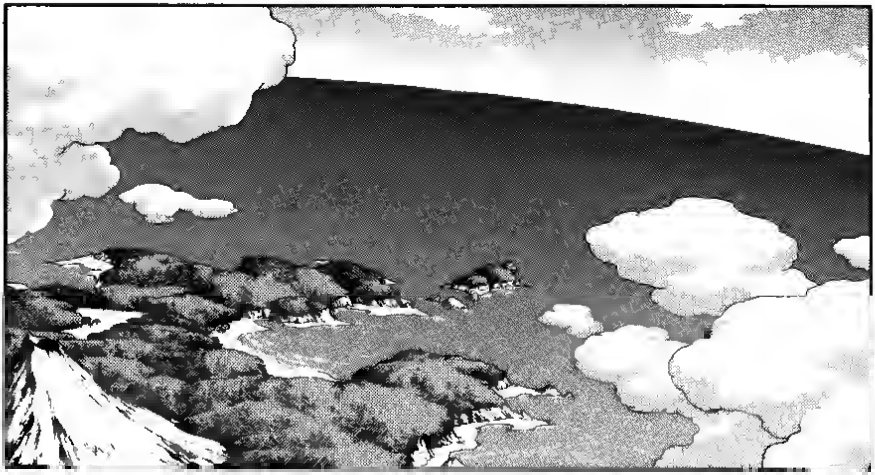

THIS GATE... IT LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE "DEMON'S GATE" THAT WAS AT THE PALACE ENTRANCE!!!

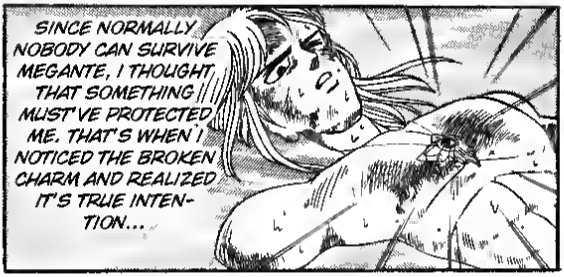

A-A GATE! !!

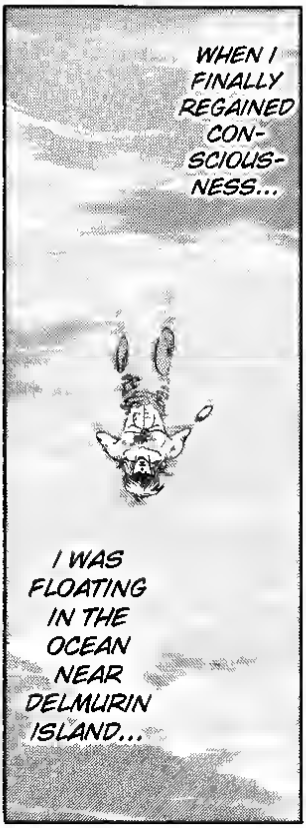

EVERY-ONE... STAND BACK--!!
Y-YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!! WE'VE COME THIS FAR AND NOW WE'RE STRANDED!!?
...MAYBE THIS ONE IS STRONGER THAN THE OTHER... AFTER ALL, THIS ONE IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE MAIN PART OF VEARN PALACE...
WHY HYUNKEL STAYED BEHIND SO THAT I CAN MOVE FORWARD--!!
...I WILL SHOW YOU...!!
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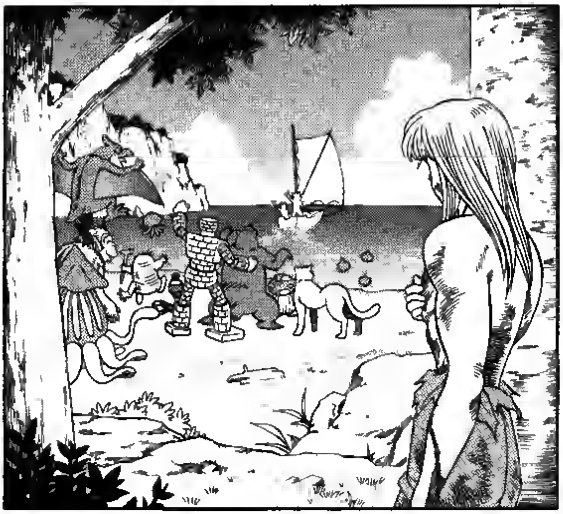

TRAINING!!?
THE POWER THAT I HAVE GAINED THROUGH ALL THE TRAINING!!!
THAT'S RIGHT! EVER SINCE I WAS DEFEATED BY HADLAR... I HAVE BEEN TRAINING THIS WHOLE TIME!!
INSIDE THAT LEGENDARY PLACE IN THE KINGDOM OF CARL CALLED THE ANTI-EVIL CAVE--!!!
WHAAAT!!!?
T-THE ANTI-EVIL CAVE--!!!
...I KNEW IT...!
THAT'S WHERE YOU GOT *MINAKATORU*, RIGHT...!!?

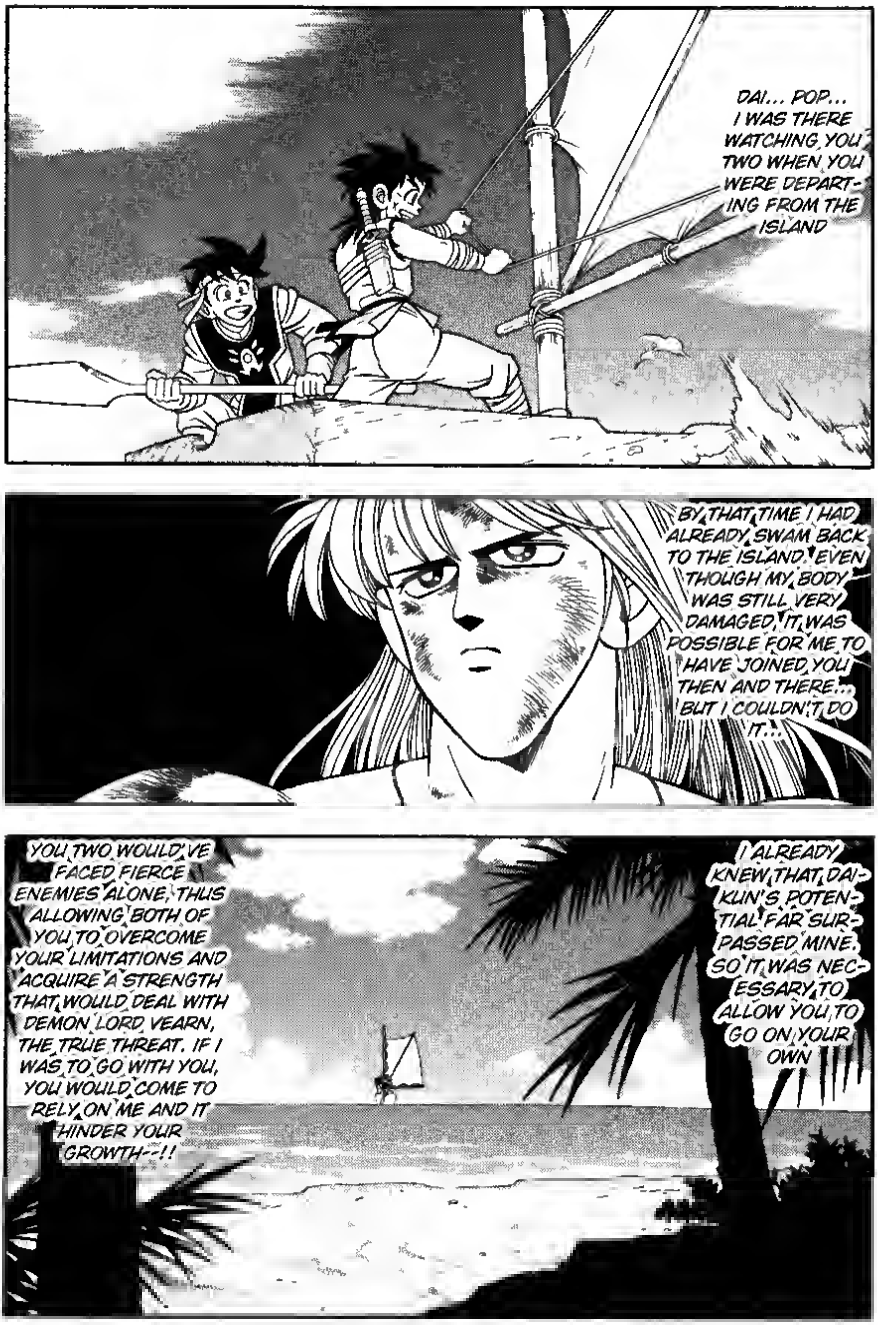

...THE DAY I LOST TO HADLAR ...
YOU MUST'VE OBTAINED EVEN STRONGER ANTI-EVIL SPELLS...
BUT THEN... SENSEI, YOU MUST'VE GONE A LOT DEEPER THAN WE DID... WE DIDN'T COME ACROSS YOU AT ALL!
EVEN THOUGH MY LIFE WAS SPARED BY THE "CHARM OF CARL" THAT FLORA GAVE ME, MY BODY WAS THROWN UP HIGH INTO THE AIR BY THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE MEGANTE THAT I UNLEASHED...

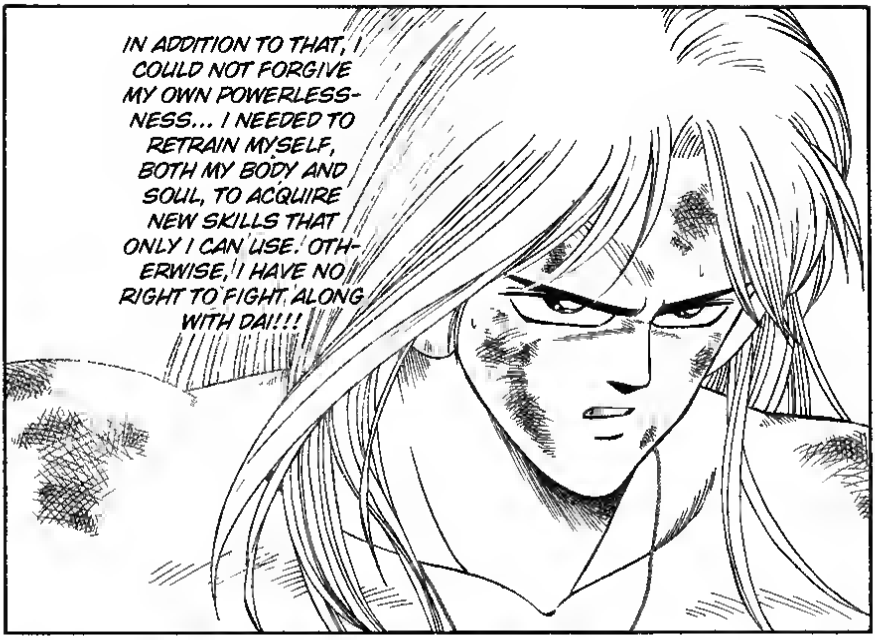


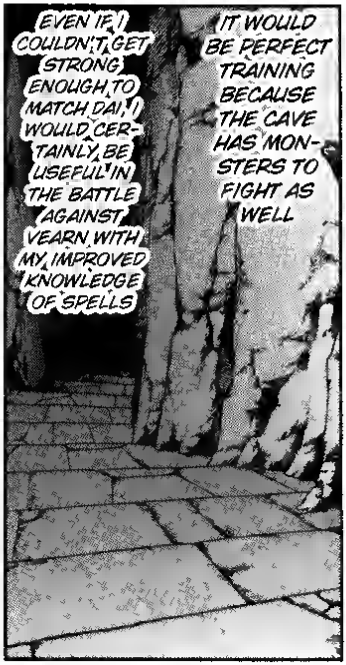

SINCE NORMALLY NOBODY CAN SURVIVE MEGANTE, I THOUGHT THAT SOMETHING MUST'VE PROTECTED ME. THAT'S WHEN I NOTICED THE BROKEN CHARM AND REALIZED IT'S TRUE INTENTION...

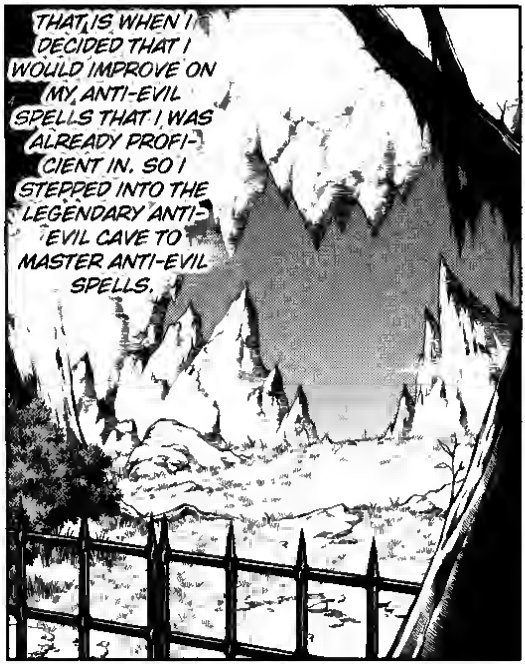

WHEN I FINALLY REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS...
I WAS FLOATING IN THE OCEAN NEAR DELMURIN ISLAND...



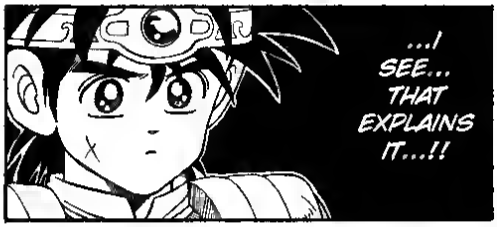

DAI... POP... I WAS THERE WATCHING YOU TWO WHEN YOU WERE DEPARTING FROM THE ISLAND
BY THAT TIME I HAD ALREADY SWAM BACK TO THE ISLAND. EVEN THOUGH MY BODY WAS STILL VERY DAMAGED, IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR ME TO HAVE JOINED YOU THEN AND THERE... BUT I COULDN'T DO IT...
YOU TWO WOULD'VE FACED FIERCE ENEMIES ALONE, THUS ALLOWING BOTH OF YOU TO OVERCOME YOUR LIMITATIONS AND ACQUIRE A STRENGTH THAT WOULD DEAL WITH DEMON LORD VEARN, THE TRUE THREAT. IF I WAS TO GO WITH YOU, YOU WOULD COME TO RELY ON ME AND IT HINDER YOUR GROWTH--!!
I ALREADY KNEW THAT DAI-KUN'S POTENTIAL FAR SURPASSED MINE. SO IT WAS NECESSARY TO ALLOW YOU TO GO ON YOUR OWN

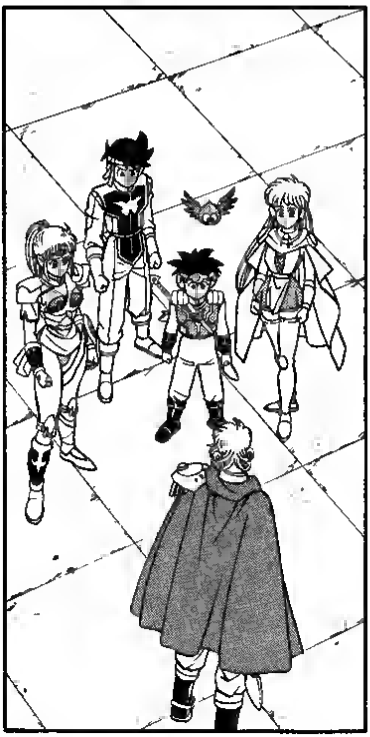

IN ADDITION TO THAT, I COULD NOT FORGIVE MY OWN POWERLESSNESS... I NEEDED TO RETRAIN MYSELF, BOTH MY BODY AND SOUL, TO ACQUIRE NEW SKILLS THAT ONLY I CAN USE. OTHERWISE, I HAVE NO RIGHT TO FIGHT ALONG WITH DAI!!!


EVEN IF I COULDN'T GET STRONG ENOUGH TO MATCH DAI, I WOULD CERTAINLY BE USEFUL IN THE BATTLE AGAINST VEARN WITH MY IMPROVED KNOWLEDGE OF SPELLS
IT WOULD BE PERFECT TRAINING BECAUSE THE CAVE HAS MONSTERS TO FIGHT AS WELL


THAT IS WHEN I DECIDED THAT I WOULD IMPROVE ON MY ANTI-EVIL SPELLS THAT I WAS ALREADY PROFICIENT IN. SO I STEPPED INTO THE LEGENDARY ANTI-EVIL CAVE TO MASTER ANTI-EVIL SPELLS.

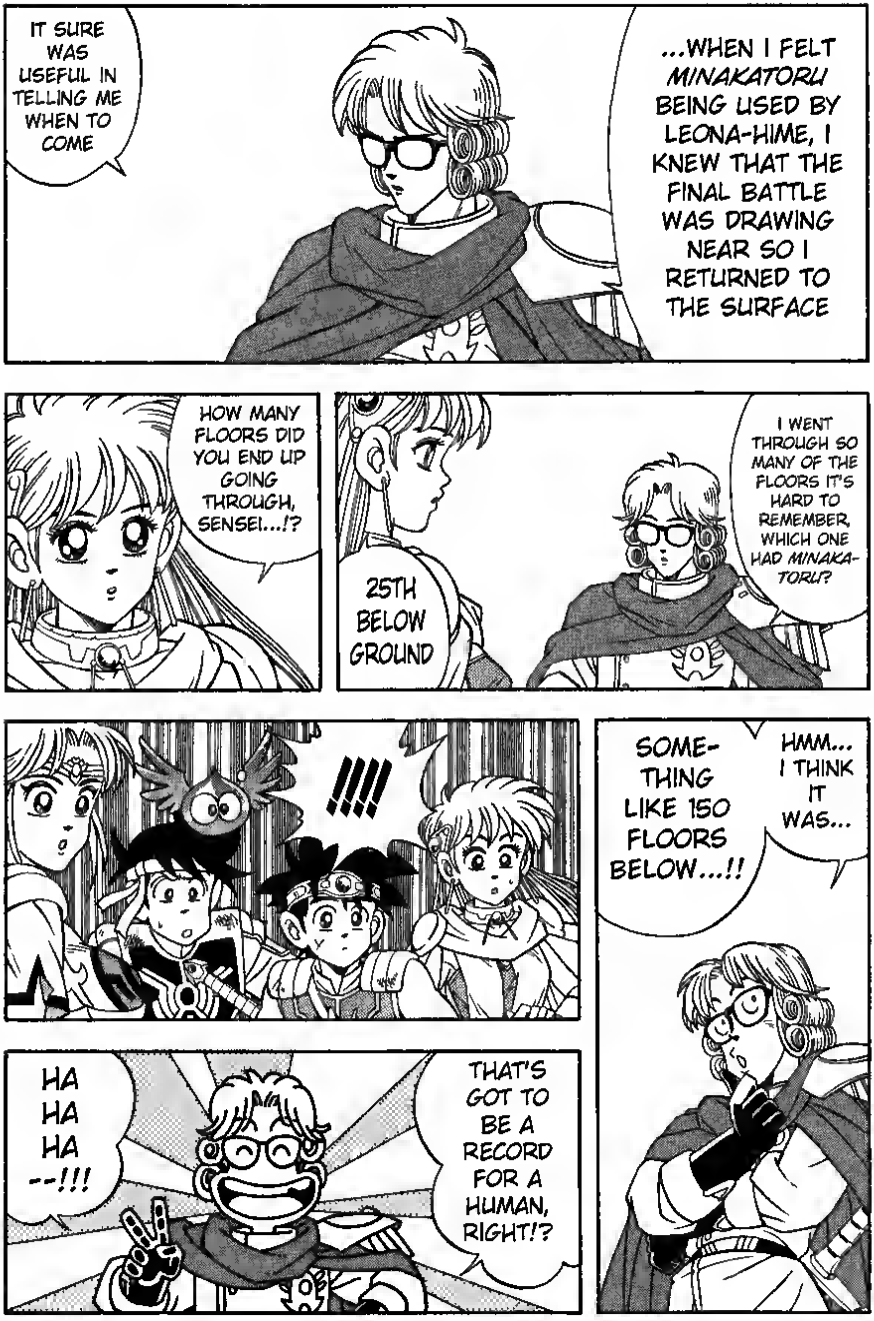

I HAVE BEEN CHALLENGING MYSELF, PUSHING MYSELF TO MY LIMITS OVER AND OVER NOT ONLY IN SEARCH OF THE ULTIMATE ANTI-EVIL SPELL, BUT ALSO IN SEARCH OF A STRENGTH THAT COULD PROVE USEFUL AGAINST VEARN'S FORCES!!!
THUS, FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS SINCE THAT BATTLE WITH HADLAR... WHILE YOU GUYS HAD BEEN INCREASING LEVELS ON THE SURFACE...


...I SEE... THAT EXPLAINS IT...!!



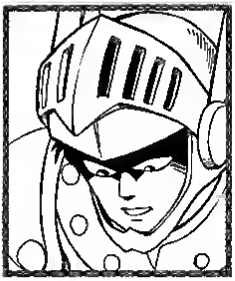

SO THEN SENSEI HASN'T BEEN WATCHING OUT DEATH MATCHES WHILE LOOKING THE OTHER WAY!!


HE WAS MAKING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE HIMSELF...!!


IT SURE WAS USEFUL IN TELLING ME WHEN TO COME
...WHEN I FELT MINAKATORU BEING USED BY LEONA-HIME, I KNEW THAT THE FINAL BATTLE WAS DRAWING NEAR SO I RETURNED TO THE SURFACE
HOW MANY FLOORS DID YOU END UP GOING THROUGH, SENSEI...!?
25TH BELOW GROUND
I WENT THROUGH SO MANY OF THE FLOORS IT'S HARD TO REMEMBER, WHICH ONE HAD MINAKATORU?
!!!!
SOME-THING LIKE 150 FLOORS BELOW...!!
HMM... I THINK IT WAS...
HA HA HA --!!!
THAT'S GOT TO BE A RECORD FOR A HUMAN, RIGHT!?


...
ANY-
WAY
...
LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I LEARNED!!!

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バロリア BALORIA

- AGE: 18
- OCCUPATION: FIGHTER (CALVALRY)
- BALORIA IS ONE OF THE BEST EIGHT IN THE ROMOS CHAMPIONSHIP. HE IS A SWORD MASTER AND IS PROTECTED BY ARMOR.

フォブスター FOB-STAR

- AGE: 24
- OCCUPATION: WIZARD
- FOBSTER IS ANOTHER BEST EIGHT FROM THE ROMOS CHAMPIONSHIP. HE IS SAID TO CAST MANY POWERFUL ATTACK SPELLS!

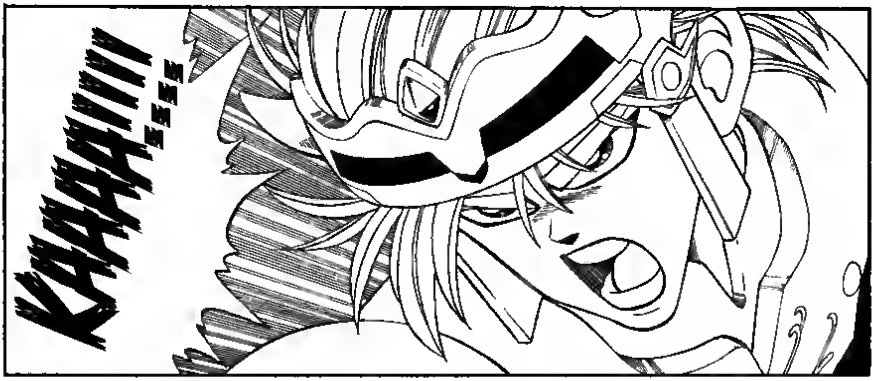




ヒルト HILT

- AGE: 30
- OCCUPATION: HUNTER
- HILT IS A HUNTER WHO NEVER MISSES HIS SHOTS, AND HE IS ALSO ONE OF BEST EIGHT. ALONG WITH THE FIVE OTHERS, HE IS PARTICIPATING THE FINAL BATTLE.

SHINE!!! THE SECRET OF ANTI-EVIL

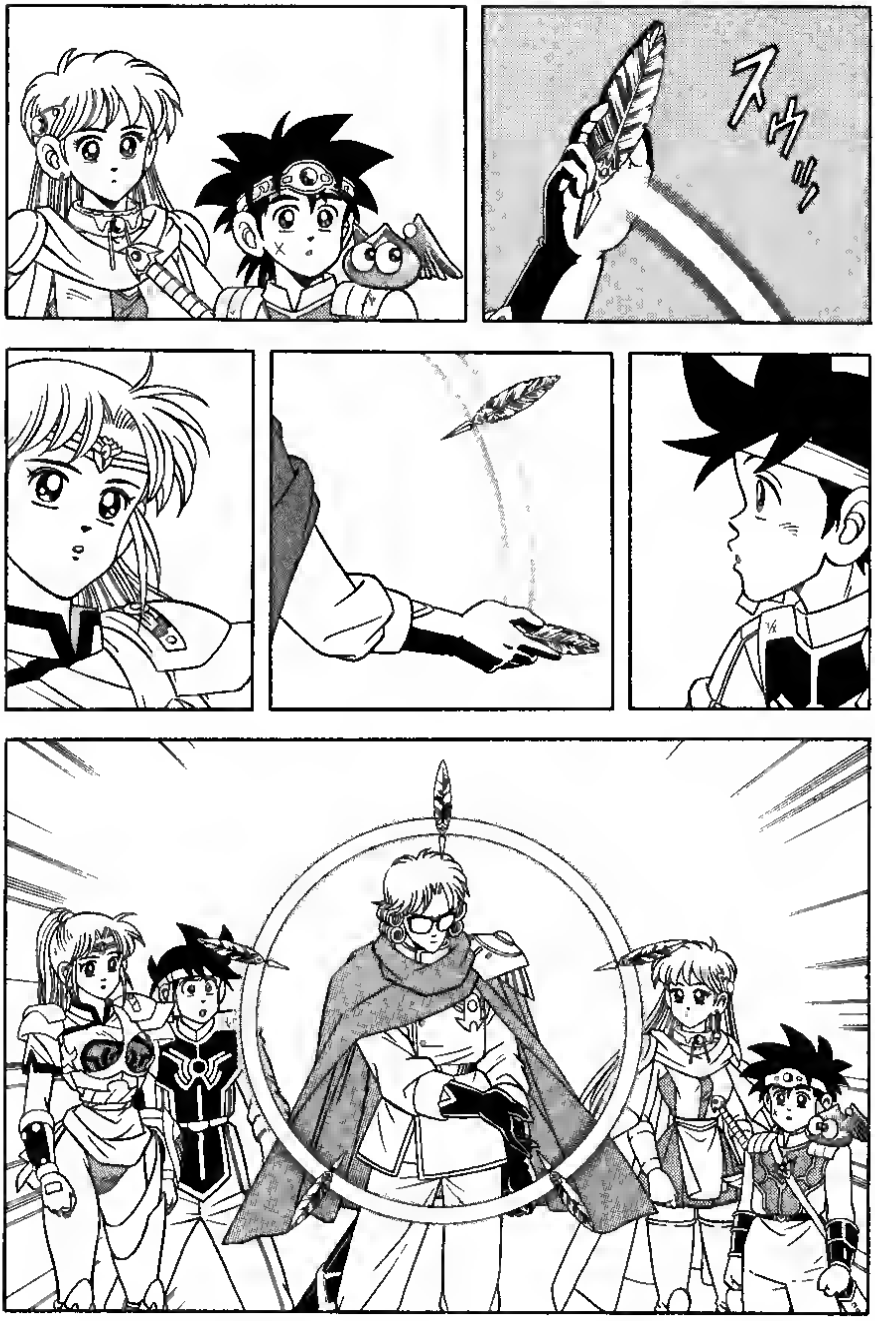


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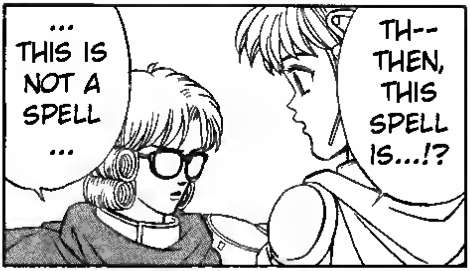
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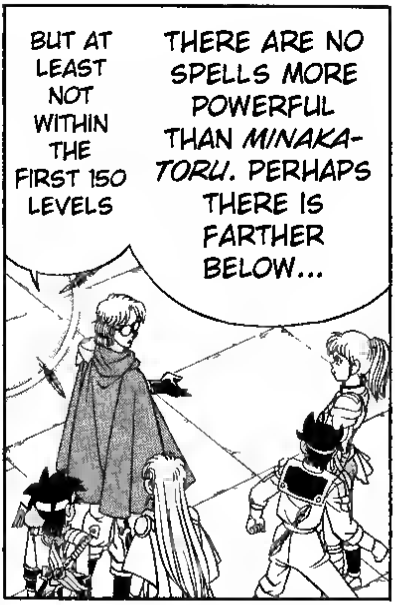

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UOOO !!!
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I KNEW IT. JUST AS I THOUGHT, HERE COMES THE POWER OF "ANTI-EVIL"...!!!
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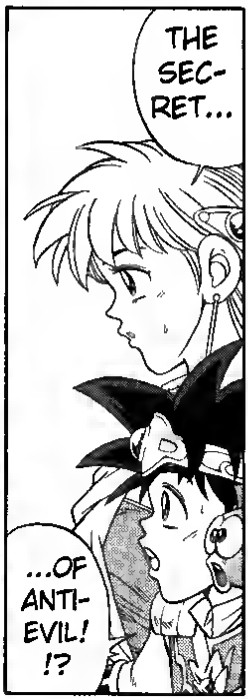

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AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL ANTI-EVIL SPELL!!
I-I SEE! SO THIS IS WHAT AVAN-SENSEI HAS ACQUIRED AFTER ALL THIS TIME TRAINING INSIDE THE ANTI-EVIL CAVE...
REMEMBER, IT WAS THE 150TH FLOOR! 150--!
BUT IT'S GOTTA BE!
BUT IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE ANYTHING MORE POW-ERFUL THAN LEONA-HIME'S MINAKA-TORU...
SO ROUGHLY IT SHOULD BE 6 TIMES AS POWER-FUL...
EVEN IF YOU DO SOME SIMPLE MATH, MINAKATORU WAS ON THE 25TH...
すっ...
ACK !!
...IT'S NOT AS EASY AS SIMPLE MATH, POP...!


...
THIS IS NOT A SPELL ...
TH--THEN, THIS SPELL IS...!?


THERE ARE NO SPELLS MORE POWERFUL THAN *MINAKA-TORU*. PERHAPS THERE IS FARTHER BELOW...
BUT AT LEAST NOT WITHIN THE FIRST 150 LEVELS


IT IS "THE SECRET OF ANTI-EVIL"--!!!

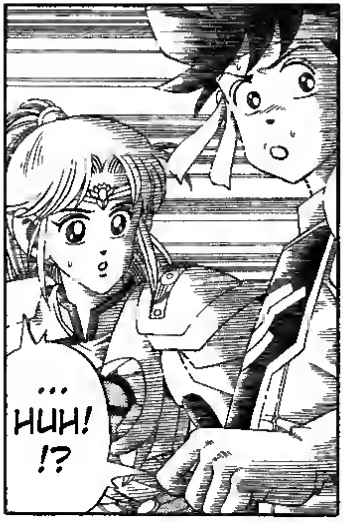

BEYOND THE 50TH FLOOR BELOW GROUND, THERE WEREN'T MANY SPELLS AVAILABLE TO LEARN, AND THE MAZE OF THE CAVE WAS JUST GETTING MORE AND MORE COMPLI-CATED...
AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, I WAS START-ING TO RUN OUT OF THE HEALING ITEMS AND FOOD THAT I HAD BROUGHT WITH ME. GOING THROUGH THE TERRIBLE TRAPS EVERYWHERE WHILE BEING LOW ON ENERGY AND INJURED WAS A NIGHTMARE...

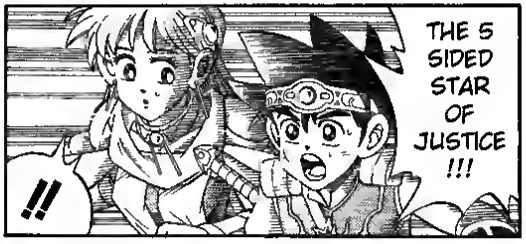

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...OF ANTI-EVIL! !?

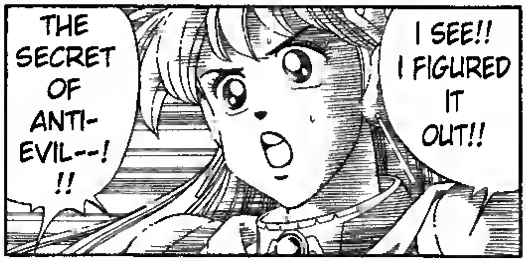

TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, WHAT CAME AFTER THAT WAS TESTING THE PERSON'S INTELLIGENCE
ANYWAY, AN EPIC TALE IS FOR THE NEXT TIME...
ooh...
THE GRAND PRIZE OF THE ANTI-EVIL CAVE... THE SECRET OF ANTI-EVIL--!!!
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THEN... I FINALLY FOUND IT
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...TAKE A LOOK, IT'S QUITE USEFUL ...!!

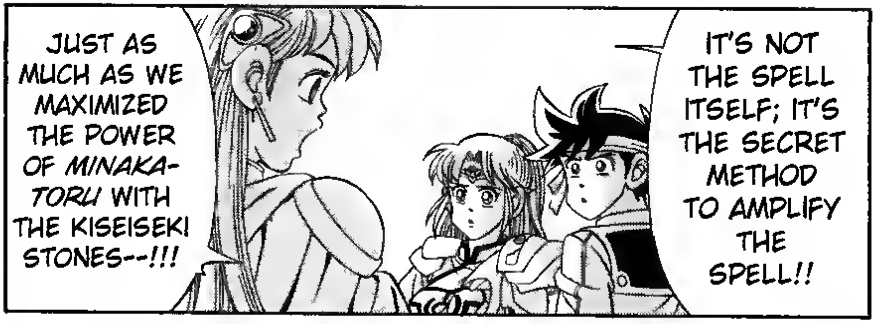

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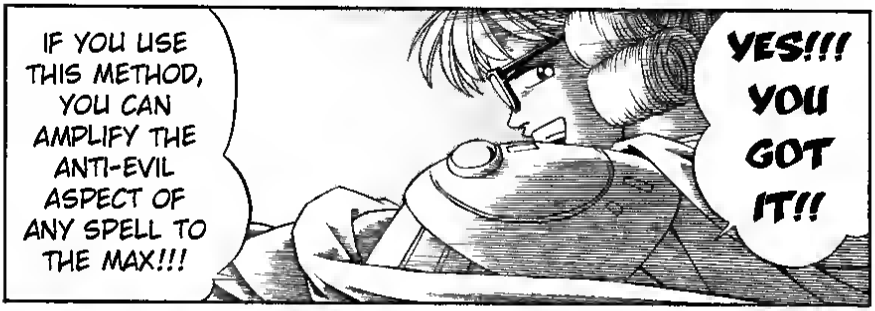

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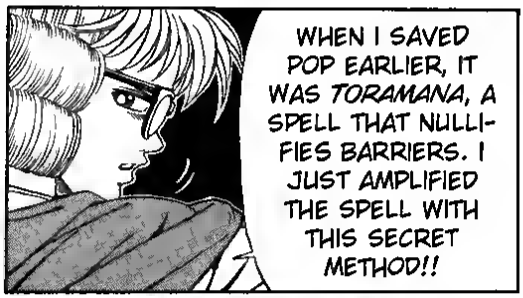

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THE 5 SIDED STAR OF JUSTICE !!!

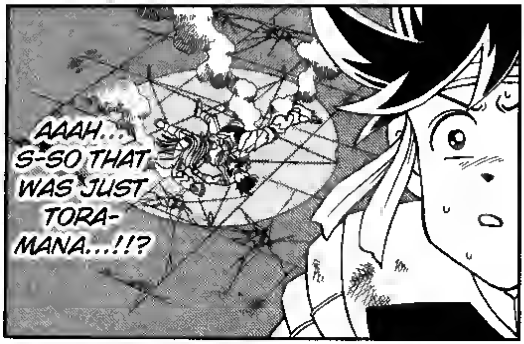

THE SECRET OF ANTI-EVIL--! !!
I SEE!! I FIGURED IT OUT!!


JUST AS MUCH AS WE MAXIMIZED THE POWER OF *MINAKA-TORU* WITH THE KISEISEKI STONES--!!!
IT'S NOT THE SPELL ITSELF; IT'S THE SECRET METHOD TO AMPLIFY THE SPELL!!


IF YOU USE THIS METHOD, YOU CAN AMPLIFY THE ANTI-EVIL ASPECT OF ANY SPELL TO THE MAX!!!
YES!!! YOU GOT IT!!


...AND...
OF COURSE, THE SPELL THAT I WAS ABOUT TO CAST ON THAT GATE IS...!!!

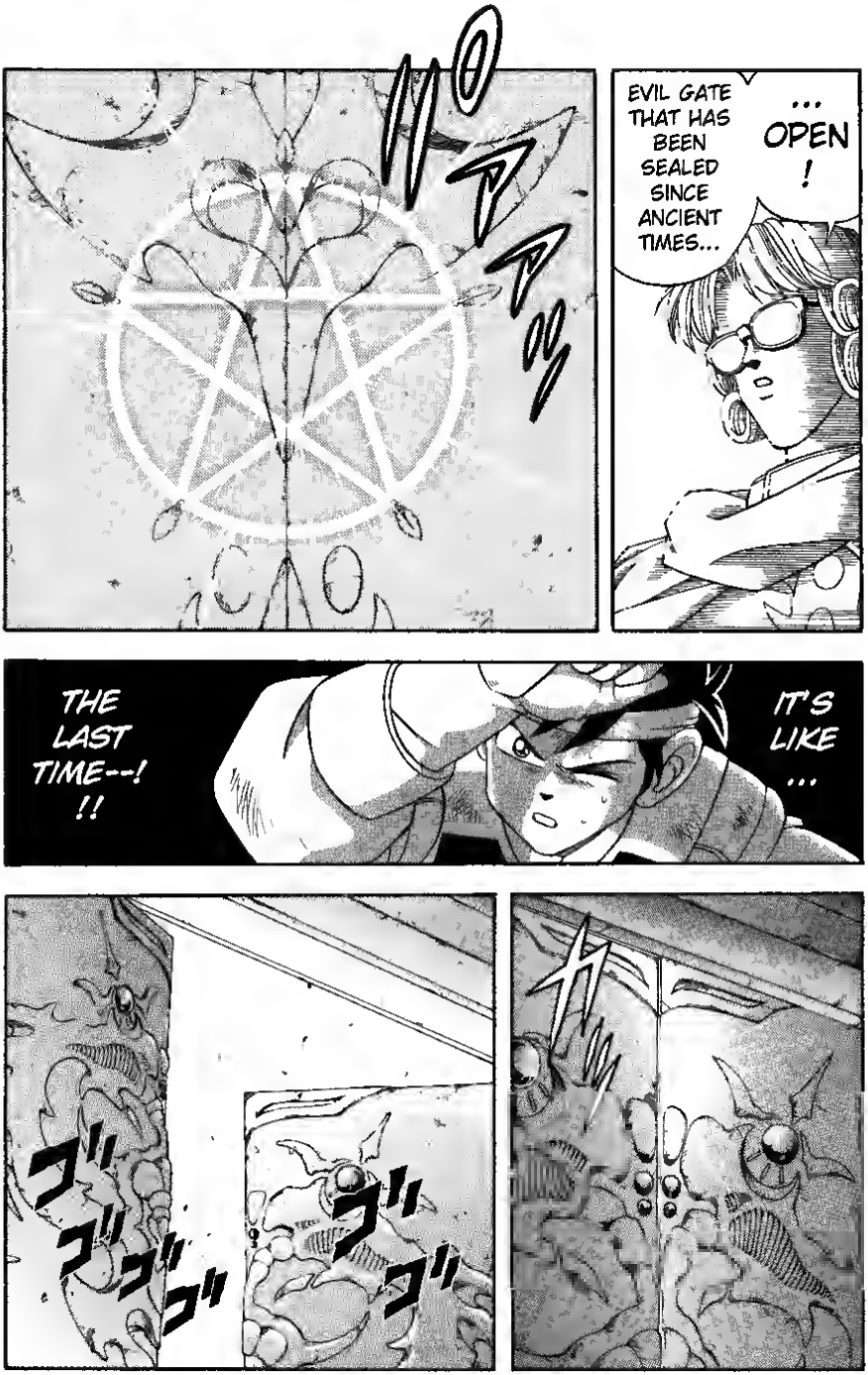

WHEN I SAVED POP EARLIER, IT WAS *TORAMANA*, A SPELL THAT NULLIFIES BARRIERS. I JUST AMPLIFIED THE SPELL WITH THIS SECRET METHOD!!


AAAH... S-SO THAT WAS JUST TORA-MANA...!!?

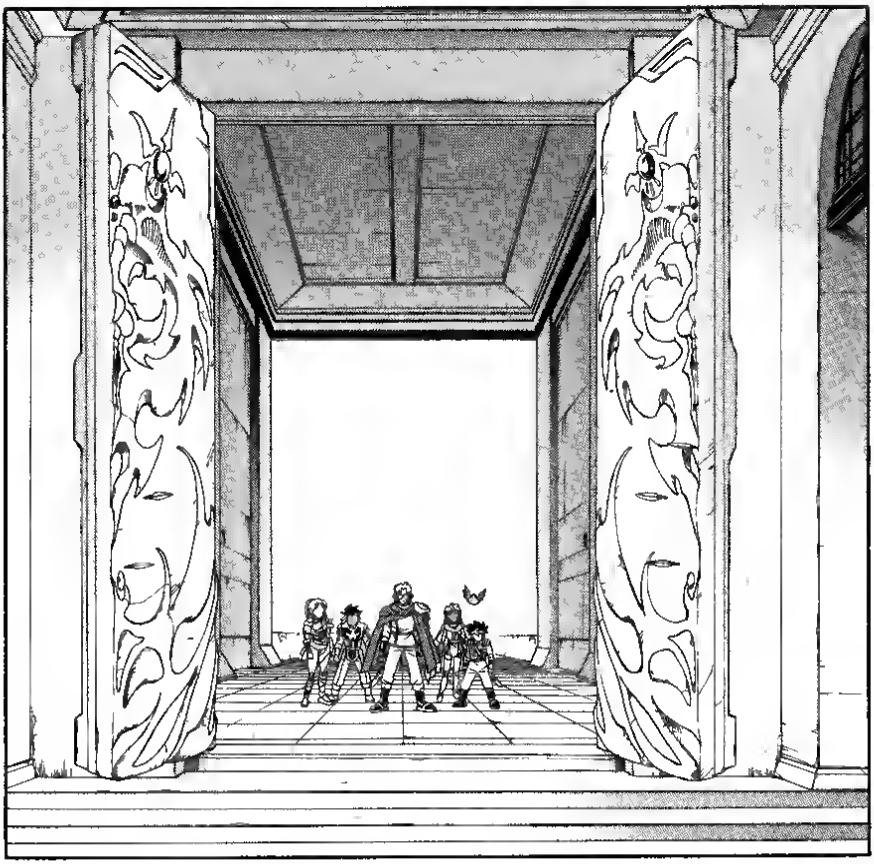


NOTE: ABAKAMU IS A HIGH-LEVEL WIZARD SPELL, FIRST INTRODUCED IN DQ3




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EVIL GATE THAT HAS BEEN SEALED SINCE ANCIENT TIMES...
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THE LAST TIME--! !!
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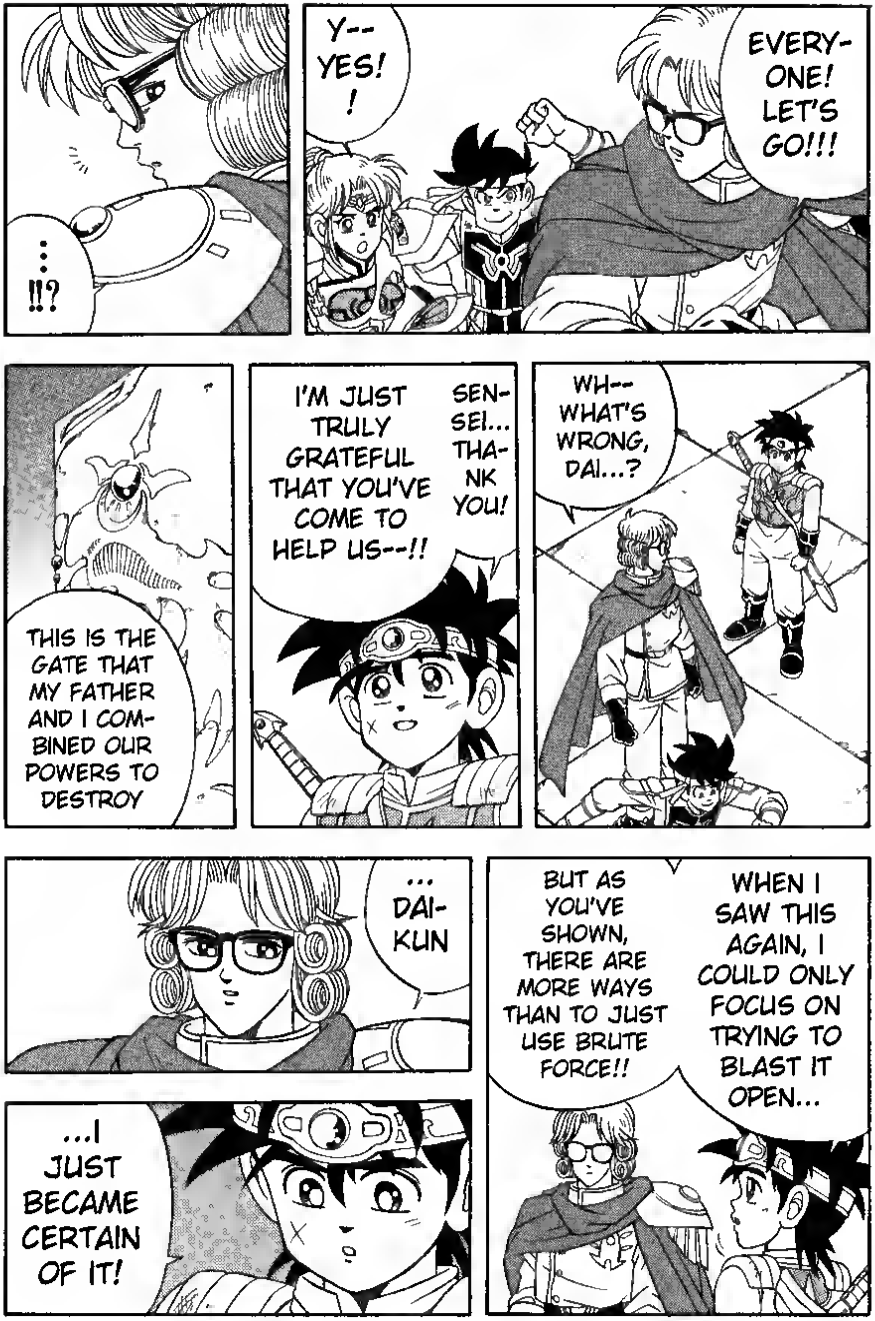

I-IT'S OPEN-ING--!!
...AAA AAH --!!
VEARN-SAMA'S GATE ...
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N-- NO WAY!!

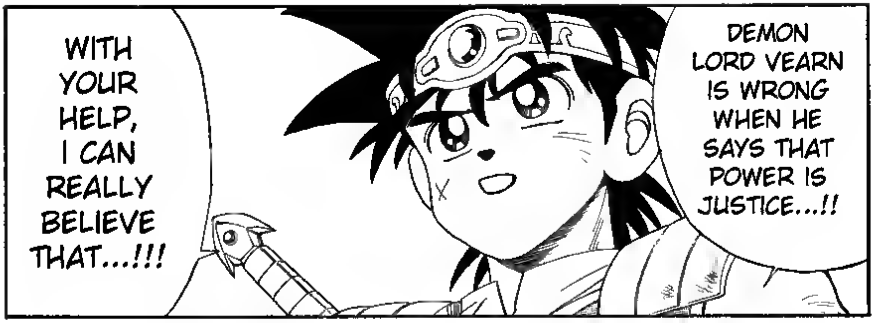


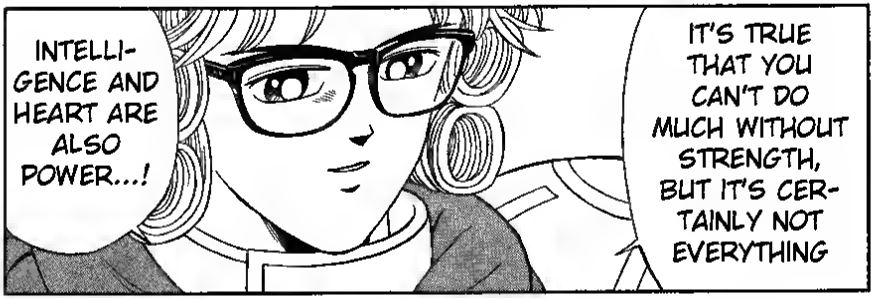

IT'S LIKE THE GATE IS SAYING "COME ON IN"!!!
HAHA HA!! TAKE THAT!!!

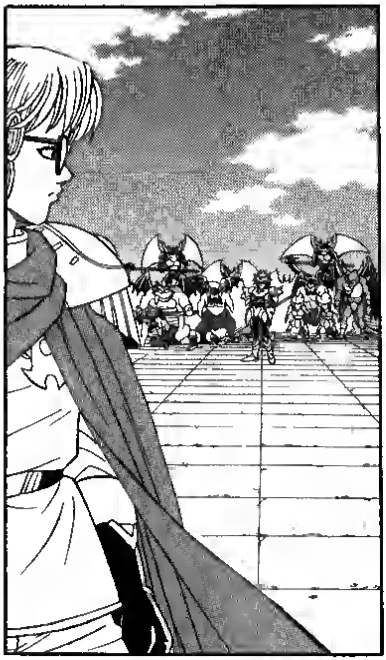

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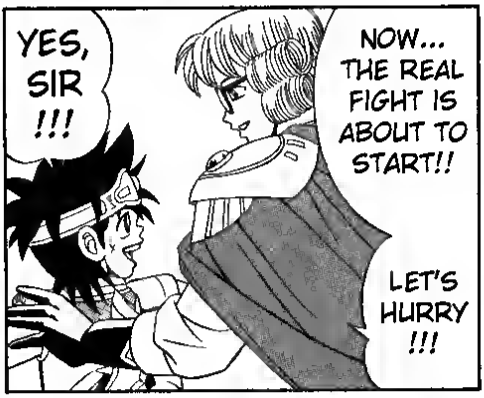

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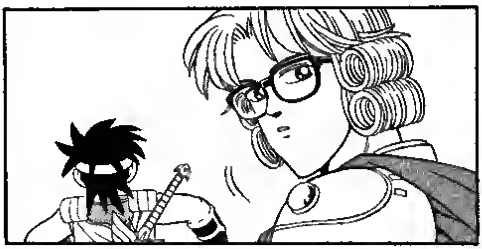

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Y--YES!!
EVERY-ONE! LET'S GO!!!
THIS IS THE GATE THAT MY FATHER AND I COM-BINED OUR POWERS TO DESTROY
I'M JUST TRULY GRATEFUL THAT YOU'VE COME TO HELP US--!!
SEN-SEI... THA-NK YOU!
WH--WHAT'S WRONG, DAI...?
...DAI-KUN
...I JUST BECAME CERTAIN OF IT!
BUT AS YOU'VE SHOWN, THERE ARE MORE WAYS THAN TO JUST USE BRUTE FORCE!!
WHEN I SAW THIS AGAIN, I COULD ONLY FOCUS ON TRYING TO BLAST IT OPEN...


WITH YOUR HELP, I CAN REALLY BELIEVE THAT...!!!
DEMON LORD VEARN IS WRONG WHEN HE SAYS THAT POWER IS JUSTICE...!!


INTELLI-GENCE AND HEART ARE ALSO POWER...!
IT'S TRUE THAT YOU CAN'T DO MUCH WITHOUT STRENGTH, BUT IT'S CER-TAINLY NOT EVERYTHING

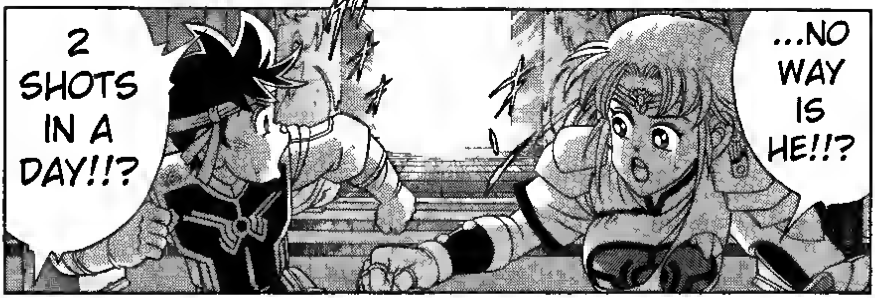



YES, SIR !!!
NOW... THE REAL FIGHT IS ABOUT TO START!!
LET'S HURRY !!!




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NOW I'M FINALLY BACK TO BEING A FIGHTER!!
…NOW THAT THE REAL FATHER HAS RETURNED, I'M DONE PLAYING THE BIG BROTHER
LET'S GET RID OF THIS BASTARD AND FOLLOW THEM!!!
AAAAAH! THEY'VE GOT TINY INSIDE —!!!
!!?
…YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO


ALL ATTACK!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT!?
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V17 OFFICIALLY DONE! WE'RE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE END!

AFTER THE LAST TIME I MADE A MESSAGE, IT SEEMS THAT THE FANS TOOK NOTICE AND HAVE STOPPED ASKING ABOUT RELEASES, AND WE WANNA SAY WE APPRECIATE THAT. THINGS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE BUSY AND HECTIC LATELY AND THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE STOPPING ANY TIME SOON, BUT WE'LL TRY TO GET THESE CHAPTERS OUT A LITTLE FASTER FROM NOW ON. (ALTHOUGH THIS'LL BE HARD CONSIDERING THE NEXT VOLUME IS GONNA BE A PAIN IN THE @$$ TO EDIT T.T). ANYWAY, V18 COMING UP!

5 VOLUMES LEFT UNTIL THE END!!!!!

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